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FURIOUS BATTLE OF TANKS OUTSIDE BENGHAZI

Italians Fight Desperately To Slip British Trap

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

DRAMATIC DETAILS OF A FURIOUS BATTLE OF TANKS TO THE SOUTH OF BENGHAZI DURING A DESPERATE ITALIAN ATTEMPT TO BREAK OUT OF THE TRAP LAID BY THE BRILLIANT STRATEGY OF THE ARMY OF THE NILE WERE GIVEN IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

Surrender of all the remaining Italian forces in Libya, together with the greater part of all first line equipment of Marshal Graziani's army, is now proceeding.

Among the prisoners already taken are an Army Commander, a Corps Commander and many other senior officers.

The normal garrison of Benghazi, distinct from forces retiring along the coast road from Derna, Appollonia and Berka, consists of two divisions, but there is a possibility that some of them may have escaped south to Tripoli prior to the amazing dash of British mechanised forces which cut Benghazi's line of retreat to the south.

The official account of the dramatic action shows that the British armoured units, who sealed the gap covered 300 miles in a mad race across the desert of 20 hours in order to cut the coast road south of the Cyrenaican capital.

Simultaneously, the Australian contingents, who had travelled since Monday from Derna attacked Benghazi from the north and east.

ADMIRAL OSUMI KILLED

A former Japanese Navy Minister and member of the Supreme War Council in Tokyo, Admiral Baron Osumi has been killed in an aeroplane crash in South China.

With him were Rear Admiral Hikojiro Suga and four other naval officers.

The machine, which was on its way from Canton to Hainan Island, struck a mountainside in Kwangtung Province.

All the occupants are reported to have been found dead in the wreckage.—Reuter.

OSAKA ESPIONAGE SENTENCE

THE CONVICTION OF VINCENT PETERS, 47-YEAR-OLD BRITISH SUBJECT ON A CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE WAS UPHOLD BY THE OSAKA COURT OF APPEAL YESTERDAY BUT HIS SENTENCE WAS REDUCED FROM EIGHT TO FIVE YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.

Peters was one of the number of Britons who were arrested in January last year.

The sentence was pronounced in September at Kobe following a trial conducted wholly in Japanese, of which language Peters was practically ignorant.

The defending counsel also spoke only Japanese.—Reuter.

Official Communique

"The official communique says: 'In the operations leading to the capture of Benghazi, a British armoured formation made a forced march of 150 miles in thirty hours, brushing aside resistance en route to close the enemy's last line of retreat.'

"Surprised by the speed of this brilliant exploit, the enemy, endeavouring to withdraw from Benghazi, found themselves finally hemmed in.

"A numerically superior enemy of armoured forces, supported by infantry and artillery, then made determined efforts to break through our cordon. Every attempt was repulsed with heavy losses and the enemy ceased fighting after sixty of their tanks had become battle casualties.

"Large numbers of prisoners are now surrendering, including an Army Commander, a Corps Commander and many other senior officers. Quantities of war material have been captured."

Two Heavy Actions

The armoured force which was primarily responsible for the completeness of the British victory, fought two heavy actions. The first occurred at El Mekili, 50 miles from Benghazi, in the desert.

After a short sharp clash in which they inflicted severe casualties on Italian units, they swept on to their rendezvous for the battle of the tanks.

Along the coastal road, the Australian and Indian troops had experienced no serious resistance since Derna, the way having been blasted for them by the Royal Air Force.

Italian Admission

The Royal Navy also cooperated in the operations, but the details of their activities have not yet been disclosed.

The Italian communique, admitting the fall of Benghazi, says that grave losses were suffered in a battle to the south of the town.

Rome makes no comment on the disaster and Berlin is equally silent.—International News Service and Reuter.

KEEPING UP THE PRESSURE

British operations south of Benghazi are proceeding satisfactorily, announced yesterday's General Headquarters' communique in Cairo, which also reports progress on other African fronts.

In the Keren area of Eritrea, British pressure is increasing, while further south British troops are continuing the pursuit of the enemy who is withdrawing towards Arzeza.

In Abyssinia, the British mobile units are pressing forward along the road to Gondar.

In Italian Somaliland, penetration by British patrols is successfully continuing, concludes the communique.—Reuter.

DEFENCE STEP IN HARBOUR

It was officially announced yesterday that an "obstruction" is to be established inside Hong Kong harbour.

The obstruction will extend from No. 13 Naval Buoy along the line of Naval Buoys 12, 11 and 10 to Commercial Buoy C 5 and then to a position approximately one cable west of Kellett Island.

The obstruction is to be laid tomorrow.

Vessels navigating in the vicinity must proceed with caution and until further notice commercial buoys C5 and B25 will be out of service.

The line of the obstruction runs roughly parallel with the Naval Yard inside the naval anchorage.

Bombs fell on the building, but they were saved by gliders holding off the debris, and joined the rescue party in a vain endeavour to rescue alive the six victims, all of whom were members of the Bishop's domestic staff.—Reuter.

SALONIKA LANDINGS DENIED

The semi-official Greek news agency in Athens categorically denies a Budapest newspaper report that four divisions of British troops have landed at Salonika.—Reuter.

SURPRISE CABINET CHANGE

An announcement from No. 10, Downing Street, states that Mr. Malcolm MacDonald has been selected to fill the post of High Commissioner in Canada.

Authority will be sought to enable him to retain his seat in Parliament during his term of office.

The King has approved the following appointments:—

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES: LORD MOYNE.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND: MR. THOMAS JOHNSON.

MINISTER OF HEALTH: MR. ERNEST BROWN.

New junior ministers have been appointed as follows:

Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries: The Duke of Norfolk.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food: Major Gwilym Lloyd George.

Additional Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Service: Mr. George Tomlinson.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions: Wilfred Paring.

Additional Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Scottish Office: Henry Wedderburn.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade: Captain Charles Waterhouse.

A Lord Commissioner of the Treasury: Major Thomas Dugdale.

Past Precedent

The procedure by which Mr. Malcolm MacDonald retains his seat in the House of Commons while acting as British High Commissioner in Canada accords with the precedent followed when Sir Samuel Hoare, who is still M.P. for Chelsea, was appointed British Ambassador in Madrid.

Lord Moyne took the oath of office as Colonial Secretary at a Privy Council held by the King yesterday morning.

Before being elevated to the peerage, Lord Moyne was Walter Guinness, M.P.—British Wireless.

SIX KILLED IN HOUSE OF ARCHBISHOP

When rescue workers recovered six bodies from the ruins of the Roman Catholic Archbishop's house at Portsmouth after a recent air raid, it was discovered that all six victims had been struck down in the act of kneeling in prayer.

Three priests had also been trapped. Three high explosive



General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, with one of his high ranking staff officers.

Death Of Jeanne Chiappe

STARTLING DISCLOSURES

THE AEROPLANE CARRYING M. JEANNE CHIAPPE, FAMOUS PARIS POLICE PREFECT, TO SYRIA ON NOVEMBER 27 LAST YEAR, WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN ITALIAN AEROPLANE.

This categorical statement is made by "France" the Free French newspaper, published in London, in the course of an arresting six-column article which gives documentary evidence claimed to be a complete repudiation of the Axis propaganda allegation that M. Chiappe's plane was shot down by the British.

The evidence was collected and sifted by the Lisbon correspondent of "France." The main proof is an Italian Air Ministry communique issued in the usual manner on November 28, but subsequently suppressed by the Rome censor.

The Lisbon correspondent writes: The Air France plane, piloted by Pilot Guillaumet, celebrated for numerous flights on the South Atlantic, having on board

M. Chiappe and five other passengers, was shot down on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 27, off the coast of Sardinia by an Italian fighter plane which was patrolling this region during the great Anglo-Italian naval battle off Cape Teulada.

"This naval battle, during which the Italians lost several warships, took place on the morning and afternoon of November 27. It was the subject of a Fascist High Command communique on the evening of November 27.

"A second, more detailed communique was issued the next day, November 28, and finally the Italian Air Ministry communique was issued from the Rome offices of this Ministry towards 5 p.m.

"As usual, several dozen copies of the communique were distributed to Roman and provincial pressmen as well as some American and neutral correspondents.

"It was broadcast in the six o'clock news bulletin (Italian time) and the following in verbatim transcription of it was taken down in shorthand by the listening service of a neutral Government.

"In addition to this battle of Cape Teulada, in the afternoon, aircraft of our fighter arm, who were patrolling off the coast of Sardinia, with a view to intercepting mission, attacked a big aircraft of a type not identified which they believed was shot down."

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INVASION HITLER'S ONE CHANCE

"HITLER CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT. HE MUST STRIKE BEFORE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DEMORALISATION OF THE ITALIANS AND THE BENGHAZI TRIUMPH BEGIN TO HAVE THEIR FULL EFFECT, SAID SIR NEVILLE HENDERSON, FORMER BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN, LAST NIGHT.

Sir Neville was expressing a view which is being increasingly held in London that the abject failure of the Italians will force Hitler to attempt an invasion of Britain in the near future.

All expert opinion appears inclined to lean to this view of Hitler's most likely next move.

As Sir Neville Henderson said, he logic of the situation seems to compel him to strike at the root of all his troubles—which is Britain.

Only One Direction

Mr. H. M. Amery, the Secretary of State for India, took the same theme in a broadcast address.

Hitler's plans have been disorganised, he said, by the collapse of his ally, the Jackal.

There is only one direction in which he can hope to restore the position—that is the invasion and conquest of these islands.

The more he looks at the prospect, the less he likes it, but it would be fatal to underestimate the formidable power of our adversary, who may be prepared to face fearful sacrifices.

"We, too," said Mr. Amery, "may have to face losses undreamed of hitherto, but we shall face them and we shall win through."

—British Wireless.

RAIDLESS NIGHT

THERE WAS NO ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN LAST NIGHT, THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE STATES.

"NOTHING TO REPORT."

London had its second successive raid-free night and its fifteenth in 19 days.

A German plane which in daylight yesterday bombed and machine-gunned an East Anglian coast town was badly damaged by A.A. fire.—British Wireless.

KING FAROUK ILL

It was announced in Cairo yesterday that King Farouk is suffering from mild jaundice.—Reuter.

Channel Bombs Rumble

It is announced in London that on Friday night successful attacks on a considerable scale were made by R.A.F. bombers on the invasion ports of Dunkirk and Boulogne.

Boulogne, for three hours, Dunkirk, Ostend and Calais were most heavily attacked. It was later revealed.

Explosions rumbled across the Channel like thunder and wind-drops and doors rattled all along the English coast.

Watches saw tremendous flashes as the swarms of raiders dropped heavy calibre bombs.

The raid was the second on successive nights.

Further details of Friday night's R.A.F. offensive operations are given in an Air Ministry communique which states: "Last night, though weather conditions over North-west Europe were generally unfavourable, visibility was good over the English Channel."

The attack on Boulogne lasted three hours, during which several large fires were started among supply stores and other dockside buildings.

Later at Dunkirk, a number of bursts were clearly observed among shipping in the docks.

Several aircraft bombed the docks at Calais and at Ostend. None of our aircraft is missing from these operations.—British Wireless.

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SHOUSON HILL SANATORIUM PROPOSALS

Highly Generous Gesture Of Son Of The Late Mr. Fok Chi-Ting

To Meet The Initial Cost

AS THE RESULT of a most generous gesture by Mr. Huo Poo-tsai, son of the late Mr. Huo Chi-ting, well-known throughout the Colony as Mr. Fok Chi-ting, the dreams of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association for the establishment of a modern sanatorium are about to come true.

It was learned yesterday, at a reception given to Mr. Huo Poo-tsai and officers and supporters of the A.T.A. by the Hon. Dr. P. S. and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, that Mr. Huo has consented to be responsible for the initial cost of the scheme to mark the memory of his late father.



Part of the property at Shouson Hill which, if plans come to full fruition, will be converted into Hong Kong's first anti-tuberculosis sanatorium.

The sanatorium which will be established at Shouson Hill by conversion of existing property will be known as the Hon. Chi-ting Sanatorium. The initial cost of the project will be in the region of \$50,000. Details were outlined at the reception by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of the Council of the H.K. Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

During the reception, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, addressed the gathering as follows:

In my capacity as Chairman of Council and Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association which, as you know, was organized a year ago, I have been asked to tell you something of our hopes and aspirations.

Before doing so, may I take the opportunity of saying what a pleasure it is to see among this gathering so many distinguished supporters of the Association. One of our aims has been to make the thoughtful members of the community tuberculosis conscious.

We realize that, in times like the present, demands for service in one form or another in the war against aggression being fought on three continents, tend to distract attention from the every day problems of life of which tuberculosis is an important one.

Magnitude Of Task

For that reason, we have concentrated during the first year of the Association in bringing before the public the magnitude of the task before Government and private bodies working in close cooperation in dealing with the white plague in our midst.

With this end in view, we have put out a considerable amount of educational propaganda and, apart from curative work on a small scale in the five anti-tuberculosis clinics, we have succeeded this side of the year.

We have had a heartening response from a section of the community, but a relatively small one, and we believe that the imagination of the general public is likely to be gripped to more purpose if we undertake more active work in the actual treatment of disease by establishing a sanatorium for suitable cases, on modest lines at first but capable of considerable expansion.

We have spent some considerable time in investigating the possibilities of building a sanatorium or, alternatively, of renting or of purchasing premises which could be adapted for such a purpose.

The cost of building even a small sanatorium capable of taking twenty or more cases and of expansion would amount to nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

We hope to be able to face such an

expense in the not distant future, since the need for sanatorium treatment is so great, but the Executive Committee of the Association rather feels that the degree of financial help from the community can best be fostered by starting with a less ambitious plan. Consequently, we have taken pains to search out suitable built-up, or healthy surroundings which could be used for the purpose.

You may be interested to know that we have investigated three main proposals: firstly, a house called "The Pines" at Fanling; secondly, a house on Mah Wan Island; and, thirdly, a house at Shouson Hill. All these proposals have attractive features and it has been no light task for the Executive Committee to make up its mind which to choose. For various reasons (but subject to the decision and approval of the Finance Committee) it has been decided to adopt the Shouson Hill scheme and I shall do my best to describe this to you.

No. 7, Shouson Hill, was erected on elevated land, comprising some 20,000 square feet in extent.

Owner's Offer

The present owner, Mr. J. M. Wong, who is well-known to you, has spent over \$45,000 on the house, fittings, hot-water installation, garden, etc., and is willing to dispose of the property for \$35,000, less a small, rocky portion at the south-east corner which he desires to retain for his own residence.

The Crown rental for the whole area is \$200 per annum and a provision for reduction would be made for the small portion referred to above.

In the event of the Association purchasing the house and land, Mr. Wong is willing to donate \$2,000 to the Association which, in effect, would be equivalent to payment of \$33,000.

The lease expires on the 30th of June, 1941, but this could be determined if the Association wished to purchase and enter upon the property earlier.

Certain alterations would be needed to adapt the premises for use as a sanatorium, but a certain well-known contractor has agreed to carry these out without cost to the Association. Additional purchase of the site of the twenty beds would entail a further expenditure of about \$12,000. You may see from the plan displayed on the screen that the premises are substantially built, well-sited and allow plenty of fresh air and sunshine to circulate through and around it. The cost of technical and hospital equipment of technical and linen would be about \$3,000.

The very modest nursing staff for which it was proposed for use as a sanatorium would amount to about \$4,000 per annum whilst the recurrent cost of other charges would amount to about \$5,000 per annum.

To summarize the position—the capital

KIEL CANAL BLOCKED

It is revealed that the Kiel Canal is blocked to all but the smallest ships by the sinking of a steamer in the Canal by British aerial bombing.—British Wireless.

H.K. FREE FRENCH MOVEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Following in the path of his step-son, Mr. Louis Blau, President of the Free French Committee of Hong Kong, has resigned and is to join General de Gaulle's forces in London.

Mr. Blau tendered his resignation yesterday to Mr. Quinlan de Schamp, General de Gaulle's personal representative.

When the Committee was first formed six months ago, it was decided that the officers of the Committee were to serve for six months, after which new officers would be chosen.

Mr. Blau is to continue his duties as President until the new President is appointed at a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening.

It was learned yesterday that between 60 and 70 Free French Volunteers are expected to arrive in Hong Kong from Shanghai shortly.

M. Villouet, Delegate for the Philippines, is expected to arrive here this week from Manila.

It is necessary to point out that at 3% interest per annum such a fund would be in the neighbourhood of \$400,000. The second method would be to secure promises of financial support to the extent required to meet the recurrent charges, year by year.

Here it is that I should like to address our appeal to all present who may be willing to assist in the campaign against tuberculosis to do all in their power to interest their friends and relations.

Both members of the Executive Committee are optimistic and believe that such help will be forthcoming, especially once the sanatorium project gets started.

Debt To President

On behalf of all the guests, I wish to tend to our kind hosts our warm thanks for their hospitality to us today. This party and the spirit which prompted our kind hosts to give it, have increased the heavy debt of gratitude which the Association owes to its President.

No one who has been in the Colony even for a short time, can fail to be struck by the appalling menace of tuberculosis in our midst. This menace, though intensified with the passage of years, has always been with us. Yet it has been left to our Director of Medical Services to organize this Association a year ago as a preliminary step to tackle this problem. In view of the fact that his stay in the Colony as a high official of the Hong Kong Government can only be of limited duration as compared with the case of Chinese residents who live and die here, and having regard to the magnitude of the task which had apparently daunting even permanent residents of the Colony, his work in starting the Association is surely eloquent testimony to his unselfish devotion to the well-being of Hong Kong, to his courage and energy, and above all, to his faith in the social conscience of the Colony. I can say without any mental reservation that any success which the Association has so far achieved, has been due chiefly to his leadership and driving force. To him, obstacles, however great, are but incentive to greater efforts to overcome them.

I therefore hope that the appeal which I have made earlier for the support of our proposed sanatorium will meet with a ready response from all present to-day, not only because it will enable us to make a start, in however small a way, towards dealing with the tuberculosis problem, but also as a gesture of our appreciation of our President's devoted efforts in the interest of tuberculosis victims.

Book Piracy Scandal

There has recently grown up in the Far East a large business in pirated books. It has now reached the dimensions of a scandal, says "St. John's Review."

There is a great deal of sympathy for the destitute student in China who cannot possibly afford the expensive European text book and who purchases the pirated copies at on fifth or even less of the proper price. He has no alternative in many cases to doing that or going without a knowledge of his subject.

It is a different matter when the books are exported to Hong Kong where the difference in price represents so many extra visits to the cinema or cabaret.

Not only, however, are the text books pirated but other books which have a far wider appeal suffer the same fate. One American agent who was recently in Hong Kong said that the publishers were greatly worried, because the whole export trade was endangered as these books are now offered for sale not only in China but in other countries. Clearly a person is not going to pay five dollars for a book if he can get the same reading matter in another form for one dollar.

Ordinary Theft

This theft of an author's ideas is no whit different from ordinary theft, and in most countries is severely punished. The author is entitled to have a share of the profits from the sale of the book he creates with his brain, in precisely the same way as the manufacturer has to those from the sale of his goods.

Apparently the government cannot initiate prosecutions in this matter, so the only method of dealing with it is for the authors' society to appoint a local collector to protect their rights. It is now likely that this will be done. So we understand.

GIFT OF CHIEFS

Expressing their "great appreciation of the British, whose just administration is known all over the world, permitting everyone to live at liberty," the Chiefs of North Mara Native Council, Msimba District, Lake Province, Tanganyika Territory, have forwarded 50,000 shillings as a gift of interest loan to the British Government to the end of the war.

At the same time the Minister of Aircraft Production acknowledges a gift of £15,436 from the people of Tanganyika Territory.—British Wireless.

BULGARY AT SILK STORE

A burglary at the Hariram Silk Store, No. 51, Nathan Road, on Thursday, had a sequel before Mr. Hinaworth at Kowloon yesterday when four Chinese were charged with shop breaking.

Accused were, Cheung Po, 30, Lai Yee-kwok, 20, Yuen Chai-shing, 19, and Chan Chung-yung, 21, all unemployed.

At the request of Det. Sgt. Batelli, accused were remanded for further enquiries.

YENAN DEMAND REJECTED

It is learned from Kweilin that the demand of the Communists at Yen'an for reinstatement of the New Fourth Army which was disbanded because of alleged insubordination, has been rejected by the Central Authorities.

There has been no fighting in Northern Anhwei provinces between Central troops and the Communist forces. The balance of the New Fourth Army apparently continues to harass the rear of the Japanese.

It is possible that the army will be reorganised and placed under the more stringent control of the Central Authorities.—International News Agency.

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DOCTORS WARNED AGAINST DENTISTS UNQUALIFIED

AN INTERESTING revolution has followed publication last week of the protests of qualified dentists against the operation of the Registration of Dentists Ordinance, 1940.

It shows that although no distinction is apparently drawn between qualified and unqualified dentists insofar as inclusion in the Dental Register is concerned, Hong Kong doctors have been warned by the Medical Board against association with dentists registered under Section 7 (d) of the Ordinance.

This is the sub-section which has aroused the sharpest protest of properly qualified dentists. The warning notice says that the above Ordinance which came into force on the 1st day of July, 1940, repealed the former Ordinance governing the registration of dentists and provided by Section 7 that the following persons were entitled to register under the Ordinance:

- Any person holding a degree registrable in the Dentists' Register of the United Kingdom.
- Any person holding a degree of any examining body from time to time recognised by this Board.
- Any person who at the commencement of the Ordinance was registered under the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914.
- Any person who has been engaged as his principal means of livelihood in the practice of dentistry in the Colony up to the date of the commencement of this Ordinance.

"It will be observed that under subsection (d) above (which is a new qualification for registration introduced by the Ordinance) it is only necessary that the applicant should, in fact, be engaged in the practice of dentistry as his principal means of livelihood at the date of the commencement of the new Ordinance and no professional qualifications are required.

Board's Decision

"The Board having been requested to do so has considered the question of whether or not it will be a breach of the terms of the Warning Notice for a registered medical practitioner to associate with persons registered as dentists under the above-mentioned Section 7 (d) in view of the lack of any professional qualifications being required for registration thereunder.

"As it is probable that a similar situation arose when the original registration of dentists came into effect in England the Board have decided to refer the matter to the General Medical Council in England for their views, but pending the receipt of the same, the Board were of the opinion that registered medical practitioners should not associate with persons registered as dental practitioners under Section 7 (d) of the above mentioned Ordinance.

Dentists' Argument

A representative of the H.K. Dental Association, the body representing the Colony's properly qualified dentists, pointed out that many unqualified dentists are familiar with extractions, fillings and other mechanical work, but are completely uneducated in the use of many injections and drugs employed in modern dental surgery.

The Ordinance does not prohibit the use of drugs by dentists registered under Section 7 (d) but, apparently, if an emergency should occur and a doctor was called in, he would technically, under the warning notice, not be able to associate with them.

Flour has been added to the list of articles which cannot be exported except under licence.

Ideals Not H.K. Strong Feature

The commemoration of the occupation of Hong Kong one hundred years ago was, says "St. John's Review," restricted to special supplements of the newspapers and to broadcast talks over the radio.

After his Excellency the Acting Governor's address, we had four talks on sport in its various forms, one on the Amateur Dramatic Club, one on Commerce, one on Law, two from the Churches, and others on Anglo-Chinese cooperation and then reminiscences of older Chinese gentlemen. A century is no doubt a time for recording successes, and ignoring failures, and in that respect the talks were representative. They showed a cross section of the Colony's activities and indicated where its main interests lay. Some who were more conscious of failure especially in social services than of success in commerce and industry were glad that there was an excuse for not making too much of the centenary.

Loftier View

The Dean alone took a loftier view and pointed out the necessity for a deep religious faith on which to build a better world and a better Colony. Material progress is not enough. The quality of life must be improved, since a wealthy Colony is merely vulgar.

We have tawdry and noisy funerals, extravagant displays at weddings, innumerable cabarets and cinema houses, racing and gambling, luxurious motor cars and on the other hand degrading poverty, slums and street sleeping.

We have few schools, no worthy civic centre, no art gallery, museum or library.

We have a tender regard for wealth and vested interests and so avoid the imposition of an income tax.

It is quite easy to point to successes in the past century, but the English way is to take successes for granted and concentrate on the abolition of the evils of social life.

WITNESS TO BE DETAINED

An application for detention of one of the witnesses in a murder case was granted by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon yesterday.

The witness was Wong King, whom Chief Detective-Inspector Carey wants for the prosecution of a Chinese, who has been remanded on a charge of the murder of a woman, Ho Sau-chun, at Tungshan on October 24 last.

Giving evidence yesterday, Inspector Carey told the Magistrate that he was afraid that Wong King would abscond before the case came up for hearing.

OPENING OF D.G.S. NEW WING

A fairly large crowd of guests, including old students, present pupils and teaching staff were present in the hall of the Diocesan Girls' School yesterday afternoon when a tea party was held to celebrate the opening of the new wing of the School House.



Mrs. Mina To, talented wife of Dr. Ernest To, who, by special request, and to an arrangement by G. Goncharoff, will dance at the Police and Police Reserve Dinner Dance at the Peninsula Hotel next Friday in aid of British and Chinese War Charities.

"CONCENTRATION" CAMP IN NEW TERRITORIES

A large "Concentration Camp" is to be established in the New Territories for the temporary detention of arrivals without immigration papers, attempting to enter the Colony by way of the New Territories.

The Camp will be fenced with barbed wire and will be in charge of Immigration Officers.

ALLEGED SHOPLIFTING

A CASE IN WHICH A MARRIED WOMAN AND THREE GIRLS, INCLUDING TWO JUVENILES, ARE CHARGED WITH STEALING STOCKINGS AND OTHER GOODS FROM THREE SHOPS IN NATHAN ROAD RECENTLY, WAS ADJUDICATED BY MR. E. HIMS-FORTH AT KOWLOON YESTERDAY TO TUESDAY MORNING.

An additional charge of stealing a sable fur from No. 132, Nathan Road, on February 5, was preferred against the accused yesterday. Mr. Percy Chen will appear for the defence and Det.-Sgt. Esau for the prosecution.

The woman and elder girl were released on \$100 bail each, while the two juveniles were granted \$75 bail each.

FORGING STRAITS' CERTIFICATES

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
SOMEWHERE IN Hong Kong there is a plant producing forged immigration certificates of the Government of the Straits Settlements.

Over 30 forged certificates have been seized by the authorities in the course of raids in Wanchai and Shamshuipo during the week.

Several persons have been detained, but the whereabouts of the plant responsible for printing the forged certificates have not yet been discovered. It is stated that for a sum of between \$100 and \$200 a forged Immigration Certificate of Entry of the Government of the Straits Settlements can be purchased in Hong Kong. The authorities obtained a clue to forgers' activities in Hong Kong when a Chinese woman was sent back from Singapore. She had a forged certificate, and was not allowed to land at Singapore.

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Colony's New High Surplus

HONG KONG TREASURY figures covering the ten months to October 31 were gazetted yesterday and show the surplus balances of the Colony at that date to have reached the record high total of \$21,094,070.

Revenue during the month of October reached \$5,717,584 and expenditure was \$3,358,187, representing an excess of income of over \$2,250,000.

In the ten months' period revenue totalled \$42,279,211 and expenditure \$38,276,311.

Expectations of a substantial Budget surplus at March 31, 1941, suggested by these figures, the subject of modification in the light of the Financial Secretary's Budget speech, revealing substantial expenditure since October in respect of A.R.P. tunnels and other precautions, and the creation of food reserves.

Notable features of official figures up to the end of October, however, were a cash balance in general account of over \$7,600,000, an increase in receipts from duties to \$1,461,955 during October, war revenue of \$662,628 bringing the total to \$3,345,140, and war expenditure during October of \$250,000.

Ordinary revenue produced \$38,035,070, more than \$4,000,000 in excess of the comparable period of 1939, despite a falling off in land sales of \$700,000.

Ordinary expenditure shows but a small increase over 1939, but special war expenditure lifts the total from \$31,651,792 to \$38,276,311.

RIVER SITUATION EASED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Quarantine restrictions against cholera imposed by the Japanese on arrivals at Canton have been completely lifted, the "Sunday Herald" was authoritatively informed yesterday.

Simultaneously, the restriction limiting the number of passengers to 500 each trip from Hong Kong to Canton was also lifted.

Yesterday, the Japanese motor-vehicle "Biranago" left Hong Kong with 450 passengers and the British s.s. "Fatah" returned from Canton at 4 p.m. with a number of people for Hong Kong, the majority being Chinese nationals.

Talks regarding the resumption of commercial traffic between the two ports are still proceeding and it is hoped that a satisfactory solution will soon be reached.

INTERCEPTIONS IN THE POST

An amendment to the Evidence Ordinance, covering criminal proceedings arising out of documents or articles intercepted in the post was gazetted yesterday under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act.

THEFT CHARGE

A two days' remand was granted by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at Kowloon yesterday when Tang Chuen, 31, was charged with stealing \$1,000 (Chinese currency) and clothing from Ho Sui-wan, 36, married woman, of No. 185, Reclamation Street on December 22 last.

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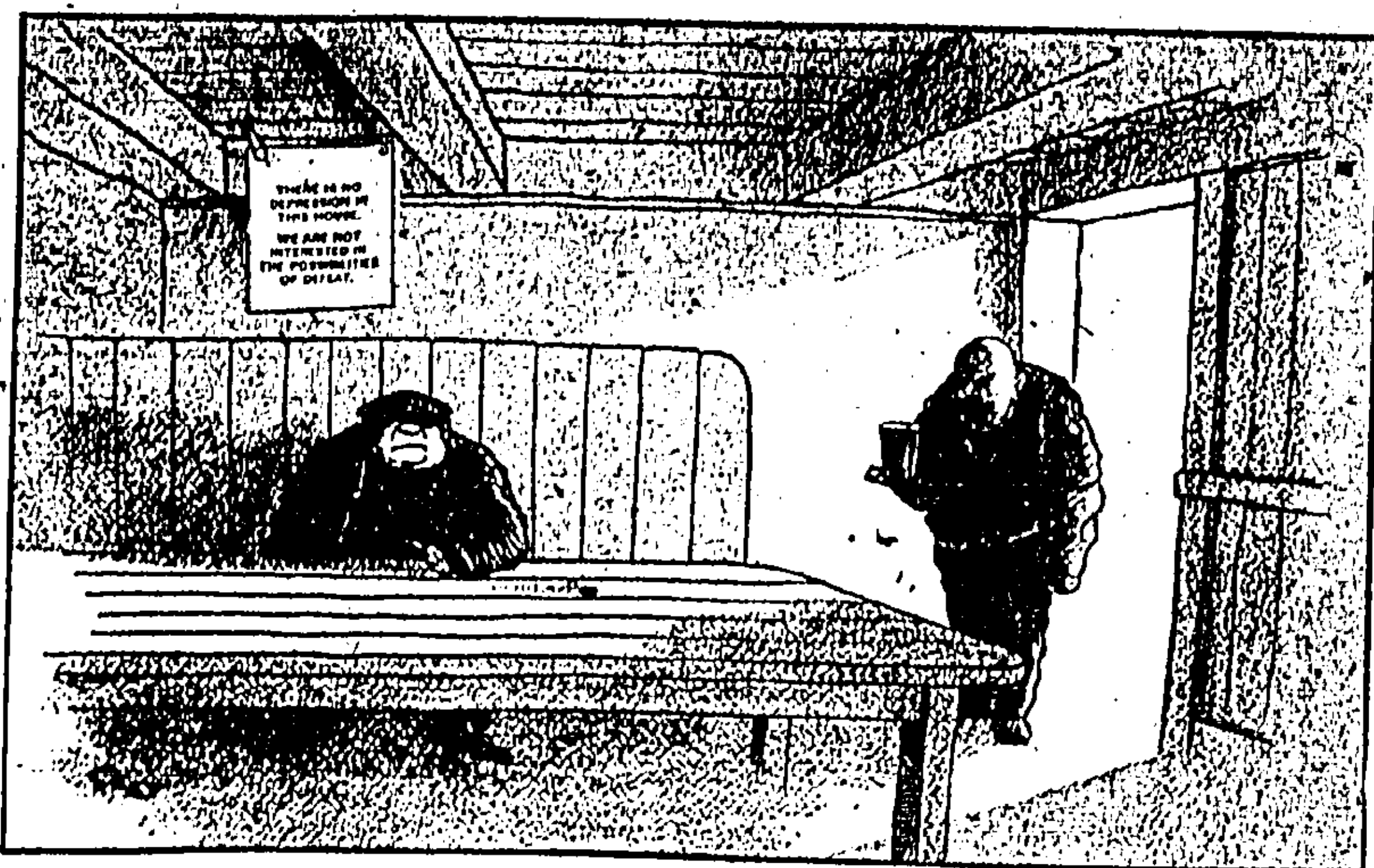
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THE attention of the Department for the Maintenance of the National Morale has been drawn to a further development in the controversy about "Peace Aims."

Last week Mr. Priestley, who seems to be losing his respect for our sacred national institutions, spoke lightly of our banking system.

Replying to a person who accused him of "sowing seeds of future discontent and perhaps even of rebellion," and held up to "any programme of facile optimism," Mr. Priestley made rude remarks about the National Debt and "the whole crippling idiosyncrasy." He asked "why we must regard the present financial system . . . as God's first charge upon our obedience."

He complained that "97 per cent. of all the money in the country was created by the banks, which are, in turn, controlled by the Bank of England . . . a private company independent of any control by the general public."

Mr. Oscar Hobson, City Editor of the "News Chronicle," leaps to the defence of the prosecuted Bank.

He denies that the Bank is independent of public control. It "came very largely under the control of the Treasury in 1831." This was the year the Bank forced the Labour Government to resign by telling them they couldn't have the money they wanted for their social reforms.

"Under the control of?" is perhaps not the most apt phrase, but 'twill serve. Whether the policeman controls the burglar or the burglar controls the policeman is, after all, a minor consideration so long as they do not let go of each other.

Admitting that the banks do create 97 per cent. of our money, Mr. Hobson argues that, so far from being a crime, this is "a striking tribute to the banking system that they have been able to do so . . . For this money is after all merely the product of the credit . . . which the members of the community repose in each other and in the banks."

It is more than a tribute; it is a gift. We have presented the Bank with the power of creating money on the credit of the community and letting it out at interest as if it were their own. It was generous of us. Big-hearted Britain, that's us.

It being admitted that the banks do create practically all the money on our credit, two questions will leap spontaneously to the lips of both of my intelligent readers:—

(a) Why is there never enough of it? (b) Why do we have to pay it all back in taxation, as if our national credit were our National Debt?

It is not my purpose here to attempt to solve these mysteries. This is a Broadening System, not a Psychodynamical Clinic. Suicidal impulses are not our theme. Our purpose is to discover why somebody is defending the banking system whence all but he are fled.

Here is a banking system which cannot provide enough money to

distribute the products of industry, so that the products rot, the machinery rusts, and the workers stand against the wall to keep it up.

Here is a system which permits bankers to raise money on our credit and then demand that we pay it back as if we owed it—as who should say, "I have pawned your bicycle, so now you owe me a velocipede."

And here is a man, to wit Mr. Hobson, a City Editor, who defends the system with all the devotion of a dodo defending its egg. What is the reason for Hobson's Choice?

Some say he was acting at the instigation of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments. Such a body would doubtless be concerned to save this interesting historic relic from destruction. The Albert Memorial may be bombed any day now, and our banking system will then be all that remains of the dear dead days beyond recall when England had no competitors in the foreign markets.

Others say he was moved solely by a chivalrous impulse. It is but a few weeks since "The Times," turning its back on the

By YAFFLE

faith of its fathers, hinted that our banking system was 50 years out of date, and Mr. Hobson may have regarded Mr. Priestley's attack as hitting bank when it was down.

His motive, I think, was deeper than that. He is concerned for the national morale. He is thinking of the future. There is only one reason for defending a system which does not deliver the goods, and that is, that you do not want too many goods to be delivered.

The productive capacity of modern industry is so great that if no restriction were put upon it the soul of the nation would be in jeopardy.

The people would wallow in swinish excess. Their vitality would be sapped by surfeit and their energies dissipated by riotous living. They might even have three meals a day and an extra suit of clothes for Sundays.

What (Mr. Hobson asks himself) shall save our people from this soul-destroying satiation? What shall deliver them from the fate of Babylon?

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Clearly, if virtue is to triumph in this struggle, and the world is to be made safe for plain living and high thinking, we cannot have a financial system which delivers more than a fraction of the goods.

This brings us to the question of our Peace Aims. Amid all the doubt and hesitation which surround this subject, and all the welter of conflicting opinions, it is gratifying to find at least one man whose faith is unshaken and whose mind is free from doubt.

Last February Mr. Hobson told the readers of the "News Chronicle" that this is a war for the Gold Standard.

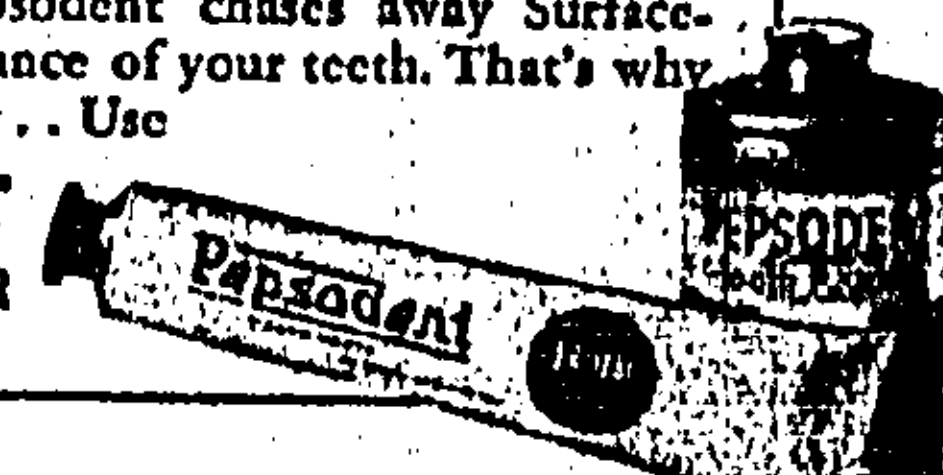
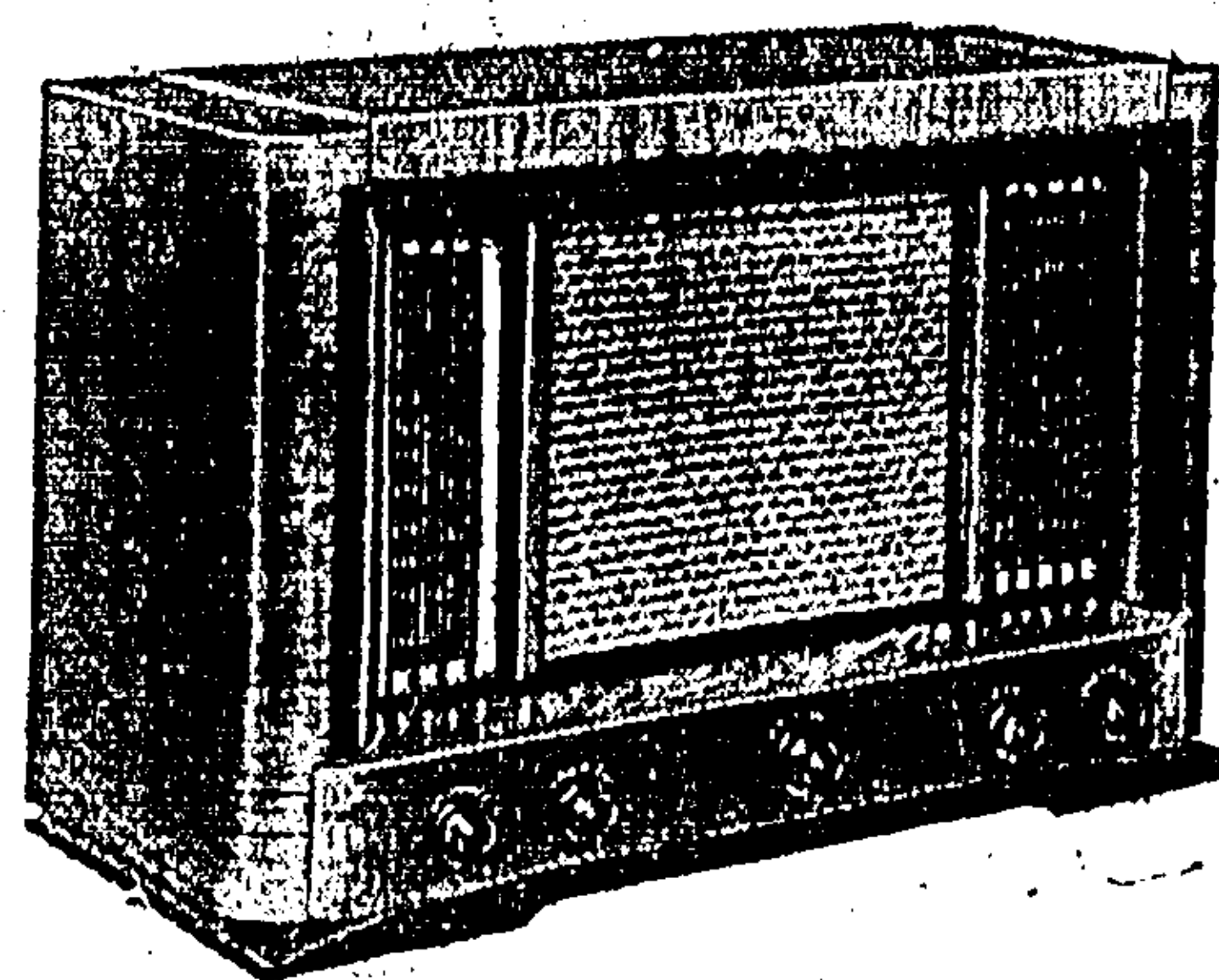
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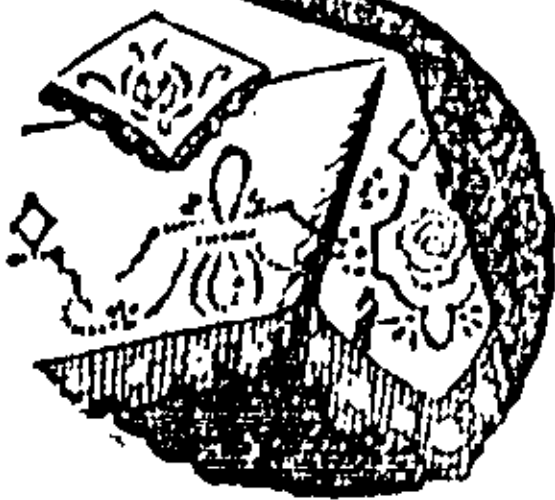
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Commencing this episode this week, let me express my gratitude to those kind souls who, in their benignity, wrote in to offer their appraisal of last week's initial column. Obviously, the milk of human kindness is still extant, and the many suggestions received gladdened this writer's heart. It is, therefore, a matter of particular chagrin that my debut having been accomplished last week, orders have just been received transferring me to the other side of the world. Nevertheless the doubtful distinction in mine of having been the "shortest-lived" columnist in this or any other Colony, but don't succumb to melancholy as our resourceful Editor has already lined up another "punch-bitter" for Paul Fry, who as we mentioned last week, will be missing from these pages for the duration.

MATTERS of transient and possibly far reaching interest this past week concerned the arrival here via clipper from the States of Mr. Lauchlin Currie, one of the stand-bys of President Roosevelt, and a member of his inner circle of advisors. He was accompanied by Emile Despres, esq., one of the research specialists of the American Federal Reserve Board. They were enroute to Chungking, bearing the personal greetings of Mr. Roosevelt, and undoubtedly a great deal of significant information to their speed mission by the powers that be in Washington.

The "Mascot"

A few days ago, this Colony was visited by an American basketball team, composed of staff members of Fox Films, who were on their way to Manila to show the sons of Quezon the finer points of the game.

THE unusual note incident to their pilgrimage was the purchasing of their "mascot," one of the Film Company's "stars," and the lassie should enhance the "box-office" of any contest in which her companions engaged. We should very much commend that the same idea be carried out with all visiting delegations, and we know of one or two diplomatic pilgrimages whose return to their national capital would have been attended with greater acclaim if they had possessed similar foresight and resourcefulness. There is no denying that the idea possesses considerable merit, and as far as we know, the Film Company's basketball aggregation hasn't patented the idea.

ANOTHER point of interest in the past fortnight was the exhibition in the "Y" pool of the art of swimming. A champion Japanese team composed of members of Rikido University spent a few hours here one day several weeks ago, during their voyage to Manila, and through the kind co-operation of a couple of the Colony's most ardent enthusiasts of water sports, and the "Y" officials, it was arranged for the Japanese to practice in the pool. Following their clean up of the Manila tournament, telegrams were exchanged between the said enthusiasts here, and Coach Saito in Manila, with the exhibition resulting. Of particular interest to this writer was the audience which witnessed a flock of records going by the boards. I believe that every nationality in the Colony was represented at the event.

A Weary World

FORGETTING for the nonce, the prowess of the visitors, the significance of the composition of the onlookers represented a potent factor in what will have to be one day, the reconstruction of a very weary world. Certainly the time is going to come when the value of man will again be presented to the multitudes through Olympics, and it's a very heartening point to bear in mind.

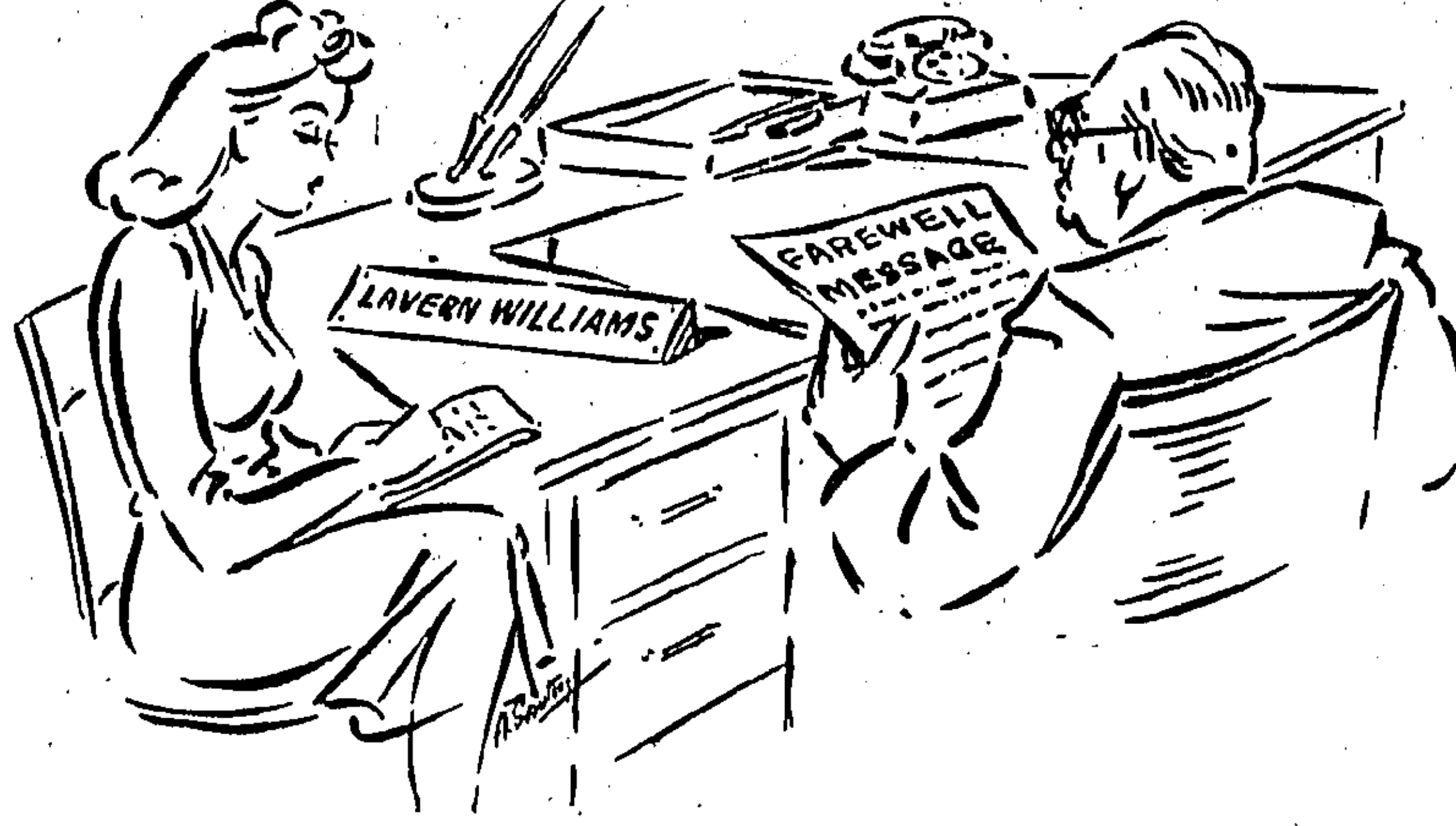
Out Of The Mailbag

OUT of the mailbag, the arrival of which following last week's issue, was so very welcome, came a letter from a man, who, while at Coventry in 1938, wrote a poem called "Nightfall—Peace." As to whether or not he divined the holocaust which destiny had up its sleeve, I am not certain. However, in our opinion his effort indicates much merit, and with your permission, we are not only printing his Coventry musings, but through his kindness, we are following this with his later attempt, written in Hong Kong in 1940, which he aptly has named "Nightfall—War."

NIGHTFALL—PEACE
The purple clouds the reddening sky,
The streetlamp's yellow glowing light,
A crowd of people passing by,
Tuddling close at draw of night.

A crowded bus—lights dim inside
The engine's spluttering, jerking
routs

Incidentally...



Break the stillness of the night
Like something vulgar, gross and coarse.

The trees against the darkening sky,
And chimney pots and gables dark,
Just stand and stare and doze awhile,
To wait the waking from the lark.

And courting couples stroll along,
Past house and shop and lamp-light dim,
To lanes and trees and covert
Where she doth pledge herself to him.

And so the cavalcade goes by,
To picture show and covert dim,
Whilst little ones kneel down and pray,
And dedicate themselves to Him.

Coventry, 1938

NIGHTFALL—WAR
Darkness falls on a thousand streets,
In a thousand homes the blinds are drawn,
The wardens start their nightly prow,
From eventide to greying dawn.

A window shows a chink of light,
A warden knocking on the door,
Tells them briefly: "Down it quick!
Don't let me have to tell you more."

In a thousand towns the buses move
Slowly through the darkened streets,
Ghastly with their dark blue lights
Passing policemen on their beats.

A thousand people walk along
Stepping carefully—laughing low,
Groping through the murky night
On their way to picture show.

In a thousand homes the lights are dim
But not the people's spirit—no!
Well they know that this must be
The darkness fore the shining glow.

Hong Kong, 1940.
G. W. N. S.

THE writer of the above two comparisons from the aspect of peace and war, informs me that while he wrote the first one in Coventry two years ago, and the other was written only a few months ago, his second one was inspired following having experienced a few months of black-outs in England. He has our commendation, and we trust that you, too, will discern the same excellence in his writings.

The Lowly Worm

A COUPLE of items which intrigued me this past week, and which were culled from the newspaper accounts, concern a device which enables one to hear one's self sing, and the other glorifies the lowly earth worm, "better known as 'fish worm'." The singing aid is reputedly in use by Paul Robeson, that stalwart Negro Baritone, and consists of a 200 foot "acoustical envelope." Facing the singer is a microphone in the footlights, and the sounds are amplified through a loud speaker at the side of the stage which throws back to the singer, the "significant harmonies." The vocalist is thus enabled to hear himself clearly and immediately knows whether or not his pitch is true.

WHILE all this smacks of professionalism, and is actually intended for concert artists and operatic virtuosos, the same effect, dear reader, may be obtained by simply yodelling to your heart's

content in the privacy of your bathroom. The flies in the sanctum of your ablutions, will immediately convey to you not only the quality of your high notes, but also and more important, whether your pitch is correct. With correct tones, there is no valid reason why your neighbours should complain. In fact your vocalistic endeavours henceforth, if performed in the said "salle de bain," should only elicit the admiration and unqualified adulation of your listeners. Mrs. Jones in the flat above you is certain to give impetus to the rumour that you have been studying for the Metropolitan or La Scala!

TO continue with the tale about the fishworm, (we were interrupted by the bloke below us who had read the same story about the protection of social tones henceforth with the greatest fidelity, etc.)—anyway, some doctor fellow from Texas named George Sheffield Oliver, possessing we presume, the same "consuming" (?) interest in earth worms which is peculiar to lads the world over,—long ago discovered that the more worms per square foot of garden, the better his plants grew, etc. Carrying on with his findings, he discarded medicine, and further pursued the not so elusive worm, with the result that he has become an authority on the 1,100 species of earthworms. His amazing pursuit has brought him fortune as well as fame, and by increasing the colony of worms in any given space of land, he has accelerated the growth of fruits, flowers, trees, bushes, plants, and has even branched off into a specialised diet for poultry employing the faithful old worm to the limit.

ACCORDING to this worthy scientist, worms eat earth, dead leaves, and decaying organic matter, of all sorts, and their own waste material which they cast aside is probably the richest of all plant foods. In their tunnelling in the earth they provide excellent minute water ways, thus facilitating water storage, and at the same time assisting in the oxygen and nitrogen metabolism of the plants. All we need now is for the method to be employed in this part of the world, and the substitution of worms to the present method of fertilising the soil of China would thereby "change" the "national air" of these parts, we hardly believe that the resultant sigh of regret would be audible.

SPEAKING about worms, bring to mind a classic attributed to John Howard, one of Hollywood's luminaries, that "a smart girl is one who makes you feel that she is taking dinner with you and not from you!" Furthermore worms in and on the ground also brings to mind the tale, fresh from England this past week, I concern a couple of hard boiled sentries who were approached by an individual, who, practically fell in their arms. At a loss as to what to do in the circumstances, as it certainly was not covered by the "regulations," they stretched him out on the ground and placed a tarpaulin over him. A few moments later, a very pompous Captain barged along and upon being challenged by the sentry blokes, let them know in very definite terms that he was Capt. so-and-so, and requested to produce his Identity Pass. The usual perfunctory of the challenging sentries elicited no cooperation from the pompous old stuffed shirt, one of them said to the other, "He won't show us his pass, so show him the last bloke who pulled the same line. Alfie!" Pointing to the stiff on the ground, Alfie was immediately overwhelmed by the said p. Captain's eagerness to prove he was a good ind.

A MEMBER of a psychology class visiting an insane asylum asked an inmate for his name. "George Washington," was the

by Lavern Williams

Court, residence of Engineer Captain and Mrs. F. B. Minihnick, who represented the bride's mother and father, who were unfortunately overseas. The bride was Miss Yvonne Crowley, a comparative newcomer to the Colony, while the bridegroom was Mr. John Charter, Architect of the Public Works Department and Vice-Captain of the Club Rugby team. Certainly it would be difficult to imagine a more striking couple.

AN unusually large crowd attended the Church ceremony, at which Miss Buckland represented Mr. Charter's family, who are also overseas, and a similarly distinguished gathering was present at the reception, among whom were R. D. Walker, Mrs. & Miss G. D. Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor and Lady MacGregor, Commander Crowther, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Director of Public Works, Major and Mrs. R. D. Walker, Mrs. & Miss G. D. R. Black, Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Greaves, Dr. Gordon King, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pritchard, Mr. Maitland and Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Phillips. The wedding cake was symbolically decorated with model houses, — the groom is an architect, and was topped with a Church, — the groom's father is a member of the Clergy. Following the reception, the happy couple, (the bride wore brown and green for her going-away ensemble) left Queen's Pier, where a Naval pinnaque took them to their ship bound for Shanghai.

THIS finishes my short-lived contribution to the Colony's Fourth Estate relative to personalities, poems, earthworms, movies, etc., and my "lordosis" and I am moving on to a land where an attempt will similarly be made to foist our current jottings upon what we trust will be an equally indulgent public.

I Am Obligated

A NUMBER of the letters received this week indicate an unusual interest in the remarks made in last week's column about

Social Highlight

HIGHLIGHT of the week's social activities was a really charming wedding at St. John's Cathedral last Tuesday, and an equally pleasing reception at 7, Abernethy



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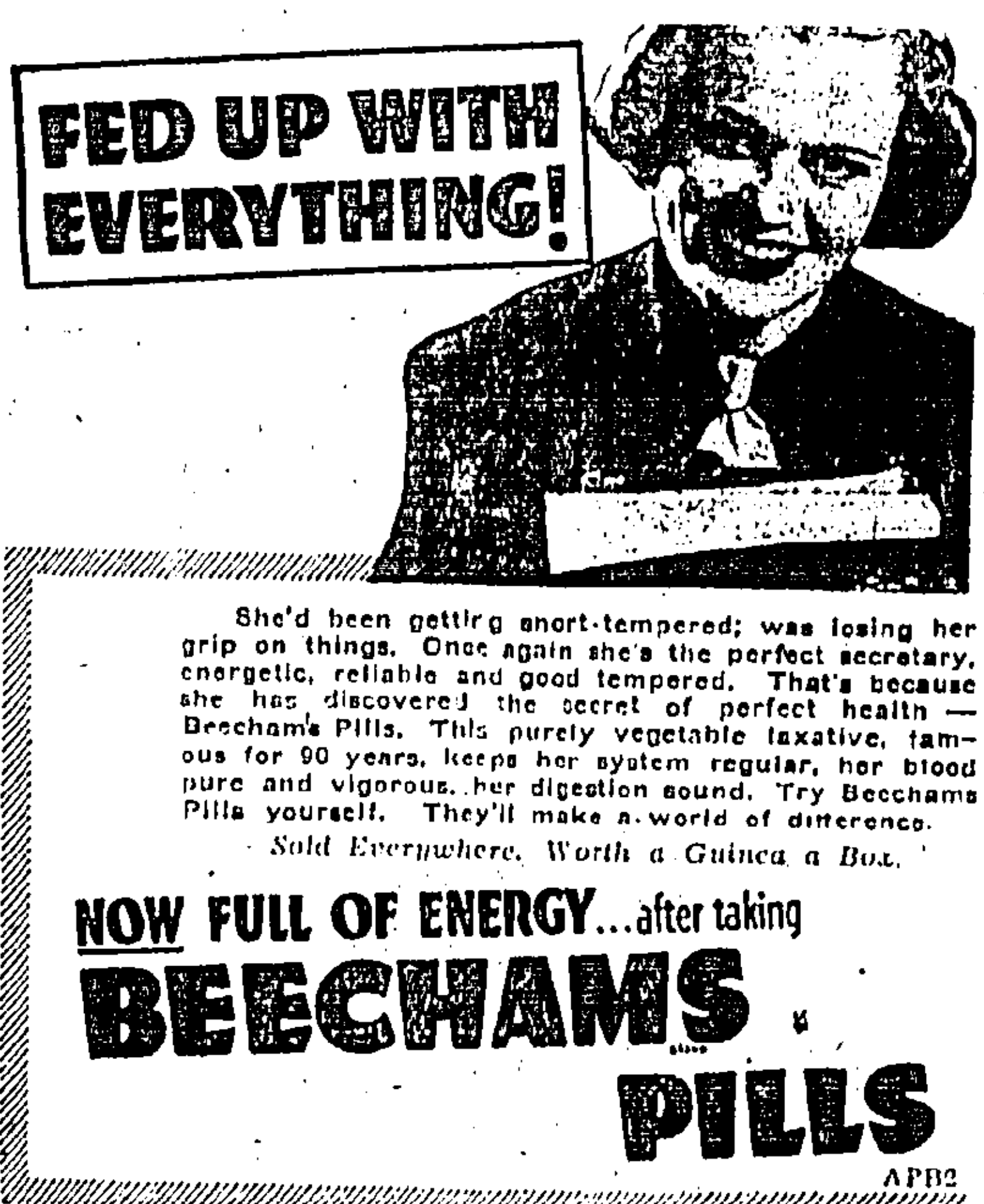
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War Has Changed The Outlook Of Americans

WILL They Stay Out Of The War?

WHEN Hitler invaded Poland the inevitable question that arose in the United States was "Can we stay out?" Elsewhere in the world it was phrased "Will they stay out?" Now, as Congress implements the steps suggested by the President for full aid to Great Britain, the variety of the question has to be asked in the United States.

The progression in phraseology illuminates the course that the war and the foreign policy of the United States have taken. At the outset of the struggle the problem was viewed wholly in terms of ability to keep neutral in the technical sense, unneutral in the actual sense to a prudent degree, and yet outside a belligerent role. The entrance of Italy on the Axis side, the investment of Norway, Denmark and the Low Countries, the fall of France, the aerial blitzkrieg on Britain, the loss in shipping and dollar exchange of that nation altered the outlines of the problem. Neutrality is no longer even technical. The President proclaimed America's cause one with that of England, our eventual peril equal to Britain's present danger.

Other Terms

These developments have posed the issue in other and more immediate terms. The national debate now puts the situation before the government and the people in this way:

(1) If it is demonstrated in the next few weeks that the British must be conquered or abandoned in a Nazi peace, the things they have been fighting for, we can stay out because it will clearly not be in Hitler's interest to bring us in. But if before a clearly impending British defeat our military opinion believes we could turn the odds of war in their favour by coming to a state of open belligerency, are we committed to take the risks? Hitler has announced that if he wins he will make over the world according to the Nazi model. The President believes Hitler would attempt it. Can we then afford to let pass an opportunity to prevent that?

(2) But if it is demonstrated by that time that British resistance, plus our full aid, is engaging Hitler with more and more prospect of eventual success, should we not resolutely keep out of war, if that choice remains ours to make? Even though in military opinion, entrance into the war makes the likelihood of British success certain and much easier, should we not hold our aid policy "short of war?"

The horns of the dilemma are there and they may be bloody. But President, Congress and people continue to show reluctance to grasp either. The overwhelming sentiment of the country seems still against military involvement if this can be avoided by any policy of our own. Should the supplies from the American arsenal have turned the tide of war against Germany, it is probable that the now waning influence of the isolationist and plant groups will become dominant again. Long-range executive vision may see an era of security if we administer the coup de grace when that is a practical certainty. But Congress, under the pressure that will surely come against such a proposal, must change its present mood before it could be induced to conform.

Second Horn

Yet the possibility will continue to exist that events beyond our control may shear away the second horn of the dilemma. For should American armament production reverse the tide of battle, it might become Axis policy in Tokyo as well as in Berlin—not to permit the United States to remain half in and half out of the war, enjoying the blessings of non-belligerency while indisputably assisting one party to the conflict. Then both the questions "Can we stay out?" and "Will we stay out?" would be settled for, and not by us.

There is a group which holds that in no circumstances save by a deliberate act on the part of the United States committed without further pretence of non-belligerency will Germany, Japan or Italy wish to put this country into the present war. The holders of this opinion argue that the instant combination of fleets and air forces would accomplish the very result against which all Axis policy has been directed.

In his opening message to Congress the President went even further than this, saying: "When the dictators—the dictators—are ready to make war upon us, they will not wait for an act of war on our part. They did not wait for Norway or Belgium or the Netherlands to commit an act of war."

He did not on this occasion list other reasons given by those who see no greater war involvement risk in all-out British aid than in the previous adoption of a policy to this end, but presumably the President accepts these reasons. They include: (1) In war Germany would lose her useful diplo-

matic representation in the Americas, which are valuable to Nazi propaganda and sabotage designs, while our own diplomatic mission in Berlin is of no such importance to the United States. (2) Germany would lose to Britain all the Axis and neutral ships intended and idle, or cruising outside her effective naval zones; get the full impact of the British Navy, relieved of convoy duty by the United States; meet a naval and air combination not greatly weakened by the necessities for force in the Pacific.

Air Supremacy

But others contend that unless the French fleet and air force are somehow engaged against Germany and Italy again—the Germans presumably having permitted the opportunity to arise—the combination would not be as formidable as envisaged. It would admittedly be necessary for the United States to hold most of its fleet in the Pacific. Air-production statistics in this country and in Britain do not assure that German supremacy aloft could be even approximated by an American-French-British combination before 1942, and the Axis might not wait that long to force us into the conflict. Also, it is the view in Berlin, and a tenable view, that the moment this country becomes a belligerent the flow of armament to Great Britain would be reduced to a trickle.

Therefore, the effect on German war expansion policy of American war-material production-for-aid-to-Britain must be reckoned as one of the great imperponderables in the problem which faces the United States.

The whole of it makes the most momentous issue in our history. By comparison the 1917 intervention slogan to make the world "safe for democracy" was a poetic phrase. The threat to the American democratic form by the Kaiser's government was arguable; that of the Axis, on the words of its own spokesman, is clear. In the first World War the United States entered with Japan as an ally, and therefore no part in the list of its enemies. On the Allied side with Latin America only slightly penetrated by German interest, and without the existing transoceanic cruising radius for bombers. The havoc wrought by the submarine policy was not so great as the one which aroused the rage of the American people, was a mere bruise on the face of humanity in contrast to the mortal wounds inflicted by aerial warfare against open cities and civilian populations.

Since this war began American democracy has been under attack, marked by Hitler as his next goal of destruction after he has finished with the British. Victory will give to the Axis air bases, such as Dakar, from which the 4,000-mile cruising bombers can launch "persuasive" flights to South America, and in those areas stand ready to argue their system with a United States which would not for two years be able to get back in anything like forceful terms.

Barter

The unguarded nations of this hemisphere, and such among them as might decide it is prudent to deal agreeably with the conqueror of Britain, would be expected to engage in reciprocal commerce on German terms: barter with goods produced by slave labour; acceptance of ideologies; racial exclusion and the rest. The least effect on the United States, if successful, would be to box North America into a continental economy, with greatly lowered standard of living; the greatest effect would be to force the totalitarian system upon us, whether by force or by infiltration.

None of this was in the prospectus of 1917 on the reading of which the United States entered the first World War. Therefore while the progression from neutrality to semi-neutrality, to non-interventionist belligerency has been the same, the influences toward intervention do not resemble those of the past. In considering the questions posed above, the history of 1915-18 does not offer much light and leading toward the answers.

Then we could stay neutral for nearly three years. This time we began to abandon neutrality after a month of war by repelling the arms embargo. Then President Wilson made no common cause with the Allies until the country was ready for a declaration of war. Now President Roosevelt has made common cause with Great Britain while still maintaining a state of peace.

In 1914-17 American groups of foreign extraction were sharply divided in their attitude toward the belligerents and the President for two years an opponent of preparedness. Now great popular masses of citizens with roots abroad—Poles, anti-Nazi Germans and Italians, Czechs, French, British, Scandinavians, Greeks, Netherlands and Belgians and many Irish—are united in the wish for full aid to Great Britain against Germany. And the President, while his Administration has not dealt with preparedness until recently, has been its advocate and

so far as the Navy is concerned, its architect.

Change In Psychology

These things bear heavily on the great national questions. They account with the collapse of France and the hardships of Britain, for the change in the American psychology toward the prospect of war which has definitely come since the invasion of Poland and the seizure of the small nations.

When Poland was assaulted the popular leaders said we could stay out, and they meant it. France's army would surely prevent invasion of France and the capture of bases from which the bombers of the Luftwaffe and the German Navy could invade England. The neutrals of Western Europe were all inviolable—Hitler said so. Aircraft could not sink battleships. The submarine had become a minor quantity in warfare. The Japanese were trifling about joining the Axis, and the Soviet alliance was more

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of a burden than a blessing to Germany. Such were the honest beliefs of those who said we surely could stay out.

But the mistaken judgment of the French high command that Great Britain was about to "fall" brought about the surrender of France and the failure of its government to retire the line of battle to North Africa. Russia, mysterious though its eventual policy may be, supplied and still supplies Germany with commodities and exchange. The small West-European neutrals are swallowed. The Japanese joined the Axis. Bombers have crippled navies. And submarines have inflicted such losses on shipping, which must feed and arm Britain if it is to survive, that ships are now placed first in the list of its necessities.

While these earlier illusions were being shattered, the paralysis of a political campaign came upon the United States. Because of its strategies six to eight months were required to build that "arsenal of democracy" which the President has called upon the people to erect. The result of all the events has been to change the minds of men as events must always change them. An example is to be found in the evolving position of Senator Vandenberg, once the strongest isolationist in Congress, still the most resolute non-interventionist.

When Poland was invaded he supported the letter as well as the spirit of the Neutrality Act which he had done much to put on the statute books. He opposed the repeal of the arms embargo as unneutral, a chance of the rules in the middle of the game. He said that until his tongue clove to the roof of his mouth he would insist that no American citizen should fight outside the United States or its possessions.

Mr. Vandenberg

But as reverses came to British arms, and it became the probable thesis that Canada might be endangered, Mr. Vandenberg extended his position to include an expeditionary force on Canadian soil. The seizure of Norway, Denmark and the Low Countries persuaded him that Hitler could be trusted in nothing, and he accepted the Fuehrer as a world threat, coming then to the policy of full aid to Great Britain "short of war."

Still he opposed greater commitment to the British cause than this. But when the President in his radio speech of Dec. 28, 1940, made the full commitment and offered to the Axis the full challenge, Mr. Vandenberg concluded that events had moved his position to that point also. He agreed the American people now have a large stake in controlling the Axis. But he went even further. As an isolationist the levitation of his faith was complete American abstention from politics and policies in the rest of the world. This keystone was also removed by the dynamics of events. The Senator broke his chosen role of the inevitable choice of this country became that between guaranteeing a "just" peace and going to war, he might agree to accept the responsibility of the guarantee, but he convinced isolationism ended there.

Evolution By Impact

This evolution by impact is cited as an illustration how our national psychology and viewpoint have been changed by developments since Poland. The momentous questions, "Can we stay out?" and "Will we stay out?" have many subfactors as well as the major ones listed in part above. Men and women are saying, "Suppose playing out lets Germany win: our armament burden will grow greater every year, for we shall be alone in a hostile world. But may not a German victory, with the United

States abstaining from intervention, be trumped by the two year horsemanship of the Axis—by the famine and pestilence which might follow a devastating war of this kind? In that case we shall be saved from our possible impending fate. Then conscience replies, "What an ignoble consideration for a great young people! And did not the Spanish flu" in 1917 leap the ocean? Even if we could ever be happy in a hungry, pestilence-ridden world, could we long be safe? Is our safety worth such profit-taking?"

And they are saying, "If we go in, what can we do, with Japan in the Pacific and our armament production slowly getting under way? If we stay out, can a nation at peace produce the sheaves of war, especially for another nation?"

The larger and the smaller queries, the noble and the ignoble, will all come to a common answer. It may be supplied by Axis policy, by the outcome of the blitzkrieg this Winter and Spring. It may come in a clash between Russia and Germany in the Balkans. It may be furnished by some surprising event within Italy or Germany, or both. It may be made by the genius of the American people in attaining a rate of armament production which, if we are prepared to guarantee a "just" peace, might suddenly bring that peace.

The Great Answer

But the President, in his opening message to Congress, strongly implied that in the view of this government, "everywhere in the world" there should be freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want (through a democratic economic system), and freedom from fear (which would reduce all national armament to defensive quantities only). This was the outline of a world order which would automatically eliminate nazism, fascism, bolshevism, Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin.

The great answer may have been brought nearer by the promise which was implicit in this outline that democracy shall be fully maintained or after war restored in this country also. For that we shall never get back the surrenders of liberty if we intervene has been one of the chief apprehensions of American citizens.

Amid these deep perplexities and fears the United States enters the year 1941. Its people have discovered that only one prophecy of September, 1930, was true. This was that if the war lasted into this year, with the British desperately on the defensive and our full aid clearly essential to their successful resistance, we should be at the brink which, when seemed so far away, was the point of no return. That is all the American people now know as a certainty. But they are facing calmly the dark abyss and have girded spirit and arm beyond what seemed possible to the sleeping democracy of 1930. They are facing it calmly, but they have not apparently abandoned their resolution neither to be pushed nor descend into it if they can safely keep their footing on the rim.



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The young Maharajah of Patiala has shown his appreciation of his responsibilities as head of the premier Phulkian State by assuming presidency of the new Khalsa (Sikh) League with the object of securing the maximum effort by the Sikhs in defending India and ensuring a victory for Great Britain.

The two other Phulkian States are Nabha and Jind. The total strength of the Sikh community in India is 4,300,000. Of these, 3,000,000 live in the Punjab and the other million in the Indian States geographically associated with that Province. Other Punjab States having Sikh rulers are Kapurthala—but the people of that state are predominantly Mohammedan—and Faridkot.

The founder of Sikhism, Nanak, was born in the Punjab in 1469. His followers, who adopted his teaching, embodied a revolution in the rejection of caste and pilgrimages with the retention of the doctrine of transmigration, were termed Sikhs or disciples.

After his death in 1539, he was succeeded during the next two centuries by a line of nine Gurus or Spiritual Directors. Especially under the tenth and most famous Guru, Gobind Singh, who died in 1708, the Sikhs became a military community, but otherwise the doctrine of Nanak was not superseded. Gobind Singh founded the Sikh Khalsa at the end of the 17th Century, its members being given the designation of Singh or Lion, hence the name which has been given to the new body over which the Maharajah of Patiala is now presiding.

The Sikh Bible is the Adi Granth compiled by the fifth Guru at the end of the 16th Century and a supplement of it contains utterances of Guru Gobind Singh.

Sikh power in India reached its height under Ranjit Singh who by 1820 having organised and disciplined a regular army on European lines, ruled over the whole of the Punjab, the North West Frontier of India and Kashmir, indeed part of his territory actually included areas now belonging to China. After his death in 1839 Sikh power decayed and the Khalsa leaders were involved in two successive wars with the British, the latter ended in 1849 when Great Britain annexed the Punjab. The great bravery of the Sikhs in these two campaigns led to their recruitment to the armies of the East India Company and this recruitment was inspired by a desire to maintain the customs of the Sikh religion.

In the great Mutiny of 1857, Sikh troops under General John Nicholson gallantly went to the relief of Delhi and took part in the operations which raised the siege of that city.

The Sikh peasant, for agriculture is the chief occupation of the community, is industrious and a successful cultivator, and as a soldier he has long been esteemed in the Indian Army. Malaya knows his qualities well for Malaya, like Hong Kong and Shanghai, recruits Sikhs to the Police Force.

Battle Honours

Apart from the Mutiny, the battle honours of Sikh Regiments include China, Afghanistan, Chitral, Malakand and the North West Frontier of India. In the Great War they fought in France, Flanders, Gallipoli, Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia and Persia. Their latest exploits include participation in General Wavell's advance in Libya.

The Sikhs greatly value the privilege of recruitment to the Indian Army. It is an important factor in the economic life of the Sikh population. The close association between the Sikh religion and the Army is recognised by the use of the Granth Sahib or Sikh Bible in the enrolment of the Sikh recruit. He takes his oath of allegiance to the King Emperor on that sacred volume. Moreover,

True To Tradition

The Maharajah of Patiala has been true to the traditions of his House in giving this strong lead to the Sikh Community in the present war. He succeeded his father in 1938 and like his father in the last War, he has placed all the resources of his State at the service of His Majesty's Government. The late Maharajah saw active service on the North West Frontier of India in 1919 and was a Lieutenant General in the British Army. The present Maharajah accompanied his father to England at the first Round Table Conference. It may be expected that his revival of appeal to the authority of the Sikh Khalsa will have a tonic effect on the Sikh community for its desire to maintain its fine record of service in the Army is unshakable despite political distractions of various kinds.

What I Would Say
To Germany

OUR hopes of winning this war still mainly rest on the outbreak of revolution in Germany.

Revolution requires propaganda. Revolutionary propaganda must be fascinating and must make the people visualise a better world.

It must hold out clear-cut aims. It must arouse holy zeal in the hearts of those addressed, make them burn with the desire to fight for the right and smother the wrong and let them know precisely what sort of life is waiting for them after revolution.

Not even the most lenient observer of our propaganda to Germany, which consists chiefly of broadcasts, will maintain that it meets any of these requirements.

The frequent use of the word "revolution" and various revolutionary phrases borrowed from Socialists and Communists of the 'twenties is no adequate substitute for a revolutionary programme. After all, nobody will blame the Germans if they view from a still predominantly conservative Government, with some suspicion.

The German revolution of 1918 was caused, as far as the propaganda side was concerned, not so much by Allied leaflets as by the example of the Russian revolution.

It is revolution, as well as the zealous propaganda carried on by its Socialist advocates in Germany and in the German Army, were in the first place responsible for the events of November 9, 1918. Not Lenin's call "To All!" broke up the ranks of the German Army.

To-day, there is no Lenin and no movement for Socialist world revolution. Russia is discredited as a leading revolutionary force and is discrediting herself more and more every day. The Labour Movement on the Continent is dead and likewise, discredited.

British Labour is not exactly a revolutionary movement. Though it must be acknowledged that the slight theoretical touch of revolution in our broadcasts to Germany is almost entirely due to Labour broadcasters, this line of propaganda cannot be expected to have the stirring effect which Russian events had at the end of the last war.

Keeping this limitation of propaganda possibilities in mind, we

SINCE the days of the Greek and Roman civilisations, the strait of deep salt water joining the Mediterranean to the Black Sea has been a prize of great value. When the Mediterranean was the cradle of human culture, the Power holding the Dardanelles was in a dominant position.

The mythical story of the great siege of Troy is founded on solid fact. The Trojans, holding the Dardanelles, were able to levy toll on ships passing between the Greek colonies on the Black Sea coast and the Grecian Archipelago. Unable to tolerate the exclusions and interference with their growing trade, the Greeks commenced the long siege of Troy.

The abduction of the fair Helen was the pretext, and her need to rescue the propaganda of that day.

Here, later, was founded the Second Roman Empire of Constantine, and another great period of Roman power and civilisation ended by the capture of Constantinople by the Turks.

The rising power of Russia and the urge of the Tsars and their people for an outlet to the open sea led to the adoption of a policy of Muscovite advance to break up the Turkish Empire and drive away the Ottoman power from the Straits.

Since the middle of last century, Russian intrigue in the Balkans, with this end in view, was one of the main causes of European unrest and of several wars. The Crimean War was fought because the French and ourselves were apprehensive of Russian power entrenched on the shores of the Dardanelles, and of a powerful Russian fleet based on the Black Sea able to sail into the Mediterranean at will.

In the later years of the last century, the reunited German Reich adopted the policy of Drang nach Osten, the Drive to the East, with Constantinople and the Straits as the main prize.

From our point of view there is an additional menace in the German drive towards the Straits. The Berlin-Baghdad railway system exists, and has at last been extended to the Persian Gulf.

need not admit that our propaganda to Germany, even when coming from its present sources, should be condemned to remain barren.

Not only workers, not only Socialists wish to destroy Hitlerism. There is plenty of room for appeal to the feeling in general, to the love of freedom, to the sense of decency and justice, and democratic revolution might overthrow Hitlerism as it destroyed Tsarism before Lenin took over.

But nobody in Germany will make revolution, democratic or otherwise, unless he knows what a victorious Britain has in store for Germany, which might be incapable of military resistance to foreign intervention while in the spin of internal disorder.

Therefore, the first requisite for effective revolutionary propaganda is war aims. War aims for Germany must be set out clearly and committed on the German pattern.

They must exclude the possibility of any dismemberment of Germany, of any repetition of Versailles, or any restoration of the status quo. They must hold out the prospect of a united Europe without the hegemony of any nation.

We must tell the Germans: Get rid of Hitler and his gang, clear out of all territory inhabited by other peoples on September 1, 1939; and come back into a community of nations which will know neither frontiers nor territorial problems.

We must tell them there will be a federal Europe with a democratic constitution, and Germany will be one of its principal constituent States, also with a democratic constitution. This is what we are fighting for; come and fight with us instead of against us.

Such a programme might rally the revolutionary forces in Germany.

The second requisite for effective propaganda is the systematic undermining of the Nazi creed. Nazism is a sort of religion. It has been built up through thought and propaganda for a number of years, and it will take thought

Turkey Will
Fight

This was one of the causes of the fierce rivalry between the Prussians and their Austrian allies, on the one hand, and Russia, on the other, and one of the contributory causes of the World War of 1914-18.

And now, once more, Hitler and his confederates are endeavouring to drive to the East with the object, primarily, of winning access to the rich oil-fields of Iraq and Persia, and with the secondary object of threatening India.

The Italian invasion of Greece was a side step towards the Dardanelles. And, once more, whatever pronouncements issue

from the Kremlin, the Soviet Government and its peoples are clamouring at the prospect of a victorious Germany holding the coveted Straits.

The Turks are the ideal guardians of the Straits from both the Russian and British points of view. A strong, but not a great, Power, without the population or the natural resources to be aggressors, the modern Turks are amenable to Russian pressure and are the friends of Britain.

Germany, astride the Dardanelles, would be a very different proposition. Holding the mouths of the Danube, and the eastern and southern shores of the Black Sea, the Nazis would be in a strong position to embark on a great war of conquest in Southern Russia.

Events are moving swiftly. The possession of the Greek islands of the Aegean by our enemies would give them solid advantages in the grand assault on the Straits and Istanbul.

Fortunately, we were in a position to give substantial aid to the Greeks at once, and the Italians are in retreat. Hitler must come to their rescue or accept a setback to all his Eastern plans. His most tempting plan was a drive through Bulgaria. The Turks declare they will then intervene.

We may see this situation in the near future: whereas in the last war the Germans aided the Turks to defeat the strategic plan of the French and ourselves of forcing the sea entrance to the Black Sea, with Russia as our ally, this time we will be aiding the Turks to beat off a German attack by land on the same position.

It will be the greatest contest between land power and sea power in all history.

It is difficult to believe that the Ruling Powers of the Kremlin would remain indifferent to such a titanic struggle. On its issue the history of the world for a hundred years might well depend.

Our own course is clear. This time there is need for the boldest strategy combined with the firmest and most vigorous diplomacy, and surely our Prime Minister still retains the Churchillian touch.

Whether this lack is due to narrow-mindedness on the part of some officials, or whether there is a political purpose reminiscent of 1938 behind it, can only be guessed.

Next to no use is made of the many anti-Nazi Germans living in our midst. They know Germany and the German mind, and their propaganda should be much more effective than the translated English-written stuff which is put over at present.

It is up to them, on the other hand, to form suitable bodies which could do useful political work, instead of remaining split up in insignificant small groups which cannot come together.

Pending this, literature produced by emigre writers would supply admirable propaganda material. There seems, however, to be strong prejudice against the use of this material and its producers.

Propaganda is just a part of the total war effort. Its improvement cannot be effected by propaganda departments alone. It must be supported from the top.

The secret of Germany's success in the field of propaganda lies not only in the enormous size of its output and its remarkable technique (though both these factors are further serious points to consider in improving our own propaganda), but first and foremost in its co-ordination with the Nazi Government policy.

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Germany's Ersatz 'Lawrence Of Arabia'

WHAT is happening in Syria?

Almost hidden away in recent news were some interesting items which, pieced together, tell a very significant story. They warn us that we had better keep our eyes on Vichy's Near Eastern outpost.

The French authorities there have released from prison a number of Arab Nationalist leaders, noted for their anti-British outlook. Two of them were responsible for arming the Palestine Arabs during the campaign of terrorism.

The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who led the campaign from exile, is also believed to be in Syria, preparing his followers for a Jihad (Holy War) against British unbelievers.

The Italian Armistice Commission sent to Syria to demand the handing over of all railway communications, air bases, aircraft and submarines has opened an office at Beirut, charged with carrying on anti-British propaganda among the Arabs of Syria, Transjordan, Palestine, and Iraq.

A Nazi Lawrence

These moves are made more ominous by the activities near the Transjordan border, suspiciously near to the oil pipe line from Iraq to Palestine, of a German archaeological mission of 40 persons headed by a Baron von Oppenheim.

In the Near and Middle East, archaeology and politics frequently go hand in hand. Colonel Lawrence started his career by excavating the tombs of the Pharaohs, and finished by leading an Arab revolt and blowing up Turkish troop trains in the desert.

Von Oppenheim (like Lawrence) a genuine archaeologist, known to the world as such, but he is equally known as a meddler in the affairs of the Near East.

Busy In Iraq

At the outbreak of war, Von Oppenheim was busy in Iraq, source of the British Mediterranean Fleet's oil feed. Since then he has been in Ankara, crouching with Von Papen and vainly trying to seduce the Turks with dreams of a restored Ottoman Empire.

He is now aiming to be a German Colonel Lawrence, to rouse the Arab world into revolt under the Green Crescent standard of Islam.

Behind Von Oppenheim's mission is an Axis plan for Syria. Syria is a key point in the Near East.

The Greeks may have upset this plan for the moment or for good by putting a spoke in the Italian wheel but there is an Axis plan and when the Fascist Goliath finds that the Greek David is too

much for him, he will bring in his partner to help.

If the Germans have seemed to stand aside (ill now, this has only been because the Axis considered it undesirable in the early stages to test the reactions of Yugoslavia or Bulgaria or to provoke the Turks with the spectre of an Axis bid towards the Straits of Dardanelles. They want to keep Turkey neutral; they want to avoid a clash with Russia over the Dardanelles; they have the alternative left them of planting their feet on the Greek shores of the Eastern Mediterranean, ready to pounce, when it suits them, on to prepared ground in Syria.

Oilfields Bait

Why Syria? Because it is on the road to the oilfields of the Middle East. Thirst drives the Axis partners thither as a rat is driven from its hole to seek water.

Syria is, however, more than a route. It is a base. From it raids could be made on the oil pipe line

But Arabia to-day is not the Arabia of Lawrence's days.

The Arab States

Iraq, for example, is an independent Arab state with special Treaty relations with Britain. Egypt (not strictly Arab, but Moslem and Arab-speaking) enjoys the same status.

Transjordan, neighbour to Syria, is a British mandated territory whose desert Bedouins form part of the Allied forces in the Middle East. In the south there are independent Arab kingdoms.

These differing degrees of autonomy may be far short of the dream of a great Arab federation that was promised in 1916. But will the Arabs throw them away for the doubtful prospect of faring better than, say, Libya?

In Libya, where the back-slanted self-appointed Protector of Islam rules, the Moslem population (previously nearly half the total) has fallen steeply in the last few years of Arab rule. Those that Mussolini did not massacre in Cyrenaica fled across the borders to better climes.

Friendly Allies

Much nonsense has been talked about a Federation of Arab States.

It is a myth and an illusion. But there are Arab aspirations. In the past we have bagged and baggaged and quibbled over them like cheapjack.

Has not the time come to consummate the revolt of 1916-18 and snatch the weapon of Arab discontent out of the hands of the Axis?

In 1920, Lloyd George was in favour of keeping the promise to give Damascus to the Arabs. When Clemenceau's opposition prevailed, Faisal of Transjordan had to be restrained from making war on France for this prize.

Transjordan is our friendliest Arab ally to-day. Rather than allow the Axis to occupy Syria or gain use of its territory by infiltration or with the connivance of Vichy, let us win the aid of the Syrian nationalists and of the Arabs of Transjordan and Iraq by making it known that Syria, when Damascus shall become what Lawrence as good as promised the Arabs it would become: a proud member of a federation of Arab states.

We shall earn nothing but contempt from them if we allow Syria's fate to be decided by hopes based on diplomatic reports of what Petain will or will not allow the Germans and Italians to do to France's overseas possessions.

A Free Syria

Let there be no wishful thinking over Vichy, and no wilful winking at what Vichy's men are up to in Syria.

If we act in accord with the sentiment of our Arab allies, we shall remove all doubts as to what the Arabs will do.

When France fell, the Foreign Minister of Iraq went immediately to Ankara to discuss with the Turks how Syria could be pre-

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Lavish Promises

The result of this mailed-letter policy was to fan the flame of Syrian nationalism. It is this flame which the Axis Powers now hope will start a conflagration throughout Arabia and the Moslem world and burn the non-believing Britishers out of Asia.

Hitler's patronage of Arab exiles (some of them run the Arab department of Goebbels's propaganda Ministry in Berlin) and Mussolini's appointment of himself as Protector of Islam indicate how their hopes run. Their daily radio outpourings in Arabic make lavish promises of Arab independence. If only the Arabs will rise against the British power.

Can they succeed?

It would be a mistake to underestimate the seductive quality of Fascist propaganda when applied to landless and hungry Arab tribes.

Hitler's anti-Semitism appeals in particular to the Arabs of Palestine, who are reminded that the Prophet himself made a habit of killing off all the Jews that fell into his hands.

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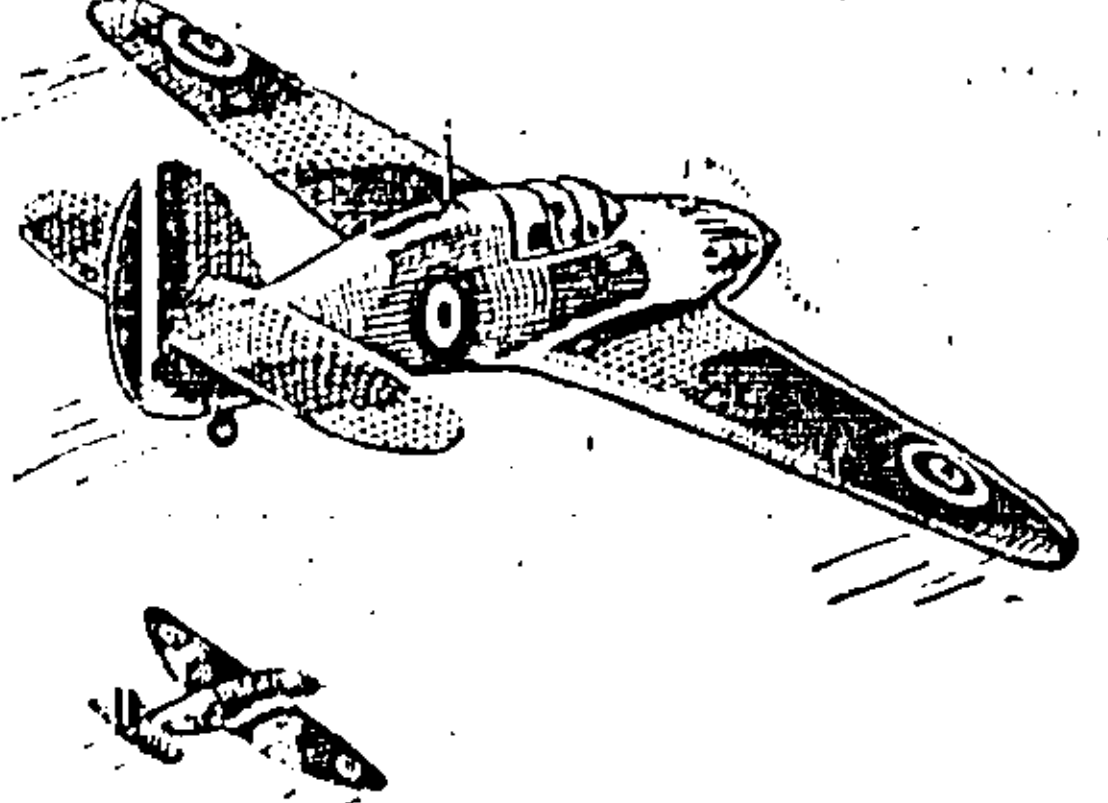
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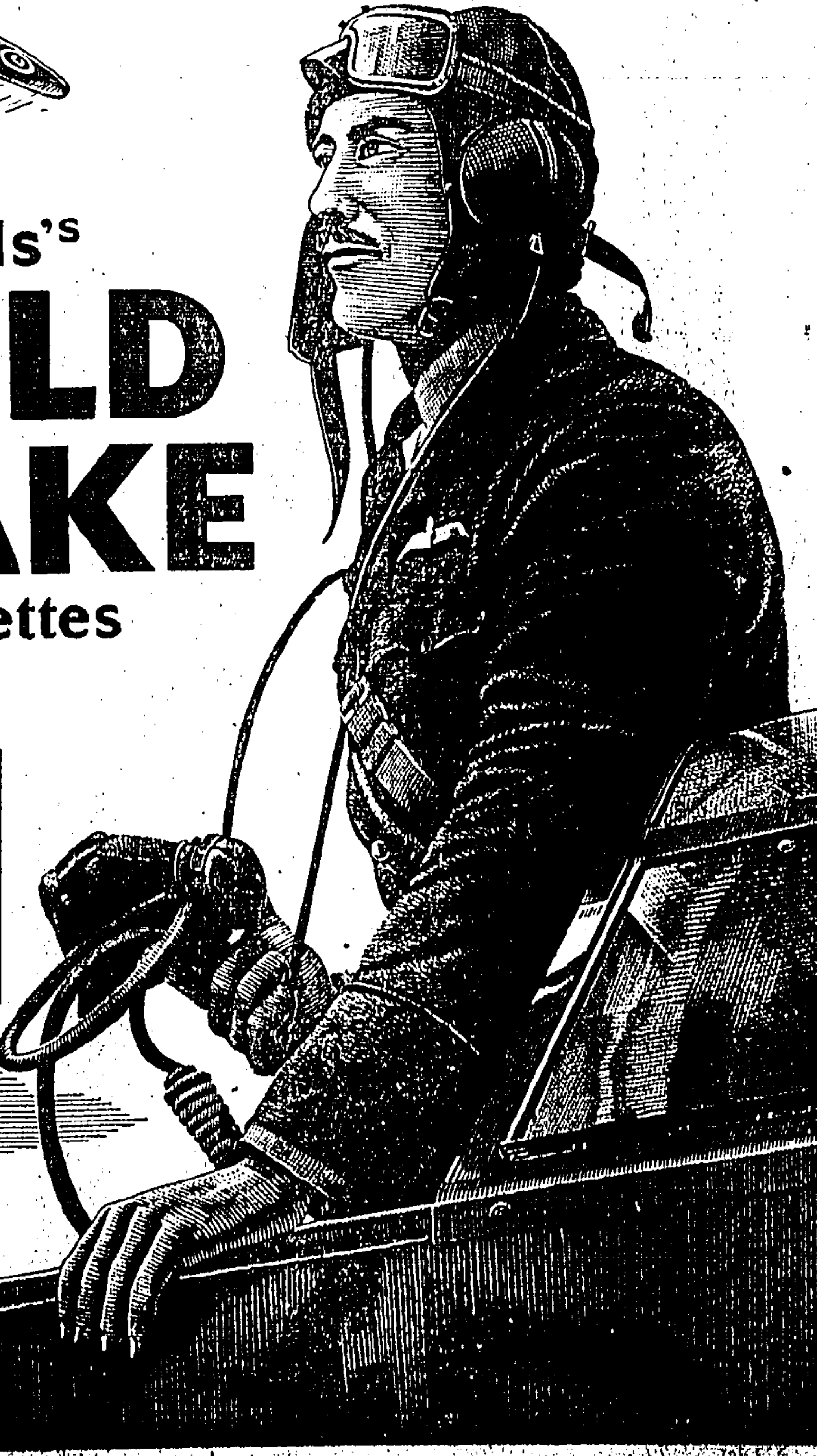
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VIRTUE OUT OF WAR MEASURES

Announcement in Parliament that schemes similar to those provided under the War Risks Insurance Act, which imposes compulsory insurance of stocks against damage by enemy action, are under consideration in relation to parts of the Colonial Empire, has been followed by official indication in Hong Kong that no such scheme is under active consideration in this Colony.

The plan presumably concerns, for the moment, only those territories contiguous to zones of Anglo-Italian hostilities.

There are, however, reasons to believe that extension of the scheme to Hong Kong at some time in the future is not improbable and that the matter has already received preliminary examination. Under war conditions, every practical measure worked out in Britain for safeguarding the welfare of the civilian population becomes of interest to Hong Kong. It is to be hoped, therefore, that any plan of compulsory insurance for Hong Kong will not be limited to cover for stocks.

One of the most remarkable of the measures in Britain is the new plan for insurance against damage to private homes and other property. The plan provides for compulsory payments by owners at an annual rate for five years (in return for two years' insurance) equal to a premium of 2½ to 3 per cent. Above certain limits of value, compulsory insurance is also required against movable assets of business undertakings and office equipment and, finally, a voluntary scheme of insurance for all "personal chattels" is offered, covering damage up to a limit of £1,500, plus £500 for a motor vehicle.

It is contemplated that the premiums will bring in roughly £200,000,000. Damage in excess of that total will be covered to the extent of a further £200,000,000 out of contributions by the State. Beyond that limit, additional contributions will be met by equal contributions from the State and the insured.

Several purposes are served by such a measure. Apart from the protection of the civilian population against heavy property loss, the plan may be expected to relieve some of the anxiety that hangs over the head of every householder who may at any moment come within the range of enemy action. But beyond that it is intended to fit into a general pattern of better social planning toward which Britain looks in the post-war years.

Repairs and reconstructions will be directed by a War Damages Commission, which will allocate labour and material. Temporary first-aid will be rendered at once, followed by more permanent repairs or rebuilding as the work is carried out. Thus the destruction wrought by Nazi fury is to be converted by British business methods into the means of rebuilding a better community.

The appeal is instant to social welfare workers in Hong Kong. Nothing has developed to suggest the necessity for early introduction of compulsory insurance of this kind in this Colony. If, however, the Secretary of State suggests to the Hong Kong Government, the wisdom of launching an insurance scheme as a precautionary measure, it is to be hoped that Government will not overlook the broad scope of the opportunity. In a Colony where vast schemes of slum clearance are frankly admitted to be vital to the community's real welfare, the plea of lack of funds has ridden roughshod over the ideas of the ambitious reformer. Compulsory insurance would produce substantial funds in short order. In all probability, these funds would not be needed to fulfil the primary purpose of their collection. But what a stimulus they would afford to visions of intelligent social planning.

WHEN some one knows that he is very ill and goes to a physician for diagnosis he watches the doctor's face avidly. And how quickly he detects the evasive answer, the air of false and hearty cheerfulness, the inconclusiveness of the soothing tone, "Perhaps a little operation. Now don't you worry."

"Yes, but what is it?"
"Now, of course, we shall have to explore a little."
"So that's what it is?"
"Now, now! What put that idea into your head? You just trust me."

But one doesn't. One leaves with a new sickness, a terrible sickness in the mind. It is the sick fear of the unknown. The haunting fear of the false hope. Far better the grim, calm, professional ultimatum: "It's this and it's that. It's very serious. You've got a chance."

Then one knows: I shall live or I shall die. I shall need all my powers. I intend to use them to live.

The knowledge of the truth is the basis for decision, and the decision is the basis of life, hope and courage.

I found President Roosevelt's speech an intense relief. For what he said was God's simple truth. It was clearly bitter truth. We are in a grave danger. We will never be easier. Sedatives won't cure us. It isn't our nerves, and it isn't lack of sleep. There are diseased cells in the organism of the world, cells that are spreading with dreadful speed. Our lives are at stake. Our organism as a whole is robust and young and healthy. We've a good chance, a swell chance, if we make up our minds to take it and take it now.

The force of the known is never demoralising. It is the cherishing of illusions that disintegrates us.

In the gigantic conspiracy to overthrow the civilisation of the world the plan played by the will to power is the psychology of primary. Guebels was at one time convinced that the Nazis could subjugate the world without firing a shot—simply by breaking down mental resistance. The technique used has nothing to do with reasonable argument. It does not derive from the forum or the senate or the editorial room.

It consists of a most acute analysis of human emotions, part of the cause of the revolution, and of human illusions and human weaknesses, of the good instincts as well as the bad instincts and the scientific exploitation of all of them.

Thus, the desire for peace is exploited to become an apology for total war. At the same time, the aggressive instinct is released in all countries against weaker neighbours, and the fear instinct is stimulated in the weaker and disarmed nations against their stronger neighbours. Thus, in our own country, we are

urged to regard the anomaly of Canada, an unfortified neighbour whose presence in the British Commonwealth might drag us in to war, and our attention is directed toward the rich booty of Mexico while in South America, each country is stimulated to fear of the Northern Titan.

We are systematically reminded of 1776 and 1812, in order to direct our attention away from 1940. We are reminded to avoid entangling alliances, and offered on the same time—"with the victorious power, the dominant nation of Europe."

It is the ultimate triumph of the Nazi attempt to induce nervousness in the mind of the democracies can be made to think of their own members as "war-mongers" of traitors and spies as "peace agents," and of moralists as saboteurs as well as the ultimate triumph when the humanitarian instinct can be mobilised to collaborate for the extinction of humanitarianism, which is the essence of Nazi philosophy.

Joseph. Nor do the Nazis have the slightest hesitation in admitting this openly. In a body of writings which fills libraries, and in the most candid speeches, while at the same time they click their tongues against their teeth in horror at all the suffering that is being inflicted on the human race. For they speculate that those in whom hate and envy and frustration are strong will be naturally attracted to them, and those whom love rules can be seduced by them. So in all countries you find the gentle locking arms with the gangsters in a common programme to let nature take its course—nature being the tooth and the claw supplemented by the aeroplane, the tank, and the machine-gun.

The failure to understand the nature of Nazism has been the undoing of the world.

This colossal imaginative failure comes out in such a report as that of Sir Neville Henderson, who having lived among the Nazis shows clearly that he never had the remotest idea of what they were about. "The New York Times" bureau in Berlin, what they are about; ask Edgar Mowrer, for twenty years correspondent in Rome, Berlin, and Paris, for the Chicago "Daily News," ask Mr. Lowell Stowe, for many years representative of the "Herald Tribune" in Europe; ask Mr. Fodor, Mr. Gunther, or any others of that band of scholarly students and intrepid reporters what the Nazis are about. They know because they have made an effort to know. They

A CAREFUL observer can, I think, begin to see signs of a change in the popular mind. There is no development of any easy optimism. Most thoughtful people recognise that the danger of invasion will not have passed until some time this year, we have reached at least parity with Germany in the air. There are far too many unknowns in all our equations for more to be said than this: that we have a growing confidence that we shall win, even though we cannot yet foresee either the how or the when of victory.

But interpenetrating this temper, there is a growing sense everywhere of the revolutionary implications of this war. I do not say for a moment that this sense is always welcome; both the public and private comments one hears make it evident that this is not the case. But whether with good or with bad will, it is increasingly understood how different will be the Britain which comes out of this war from the Britain that entered it. The things it will be essential to change are, in any showing of terrifying proportions—whether they are in the realm of labour conditions, of housing and public health, of education, of Imperial and international policy. Mr. Evelyn put it admirably the other day in a speech when he said that the nation would have to choose between social security and profit-making. As the days go by the realisation of the significance of the choice grows more widespread and more compelling.

You can see that realisation in the amazing impression made by J. B. Priestley's broadcasts; their reception showed, I think, that on social issues, at least, he spoke more representatively than most of the nation than anyone else has done since the war began. You can see it again in the kind of discussion that goes on in every shelter during an air-raid. It is an inevitable result, very interesting, of the fact that things like

known because they have read libraries of philosophy and history and contemporary writings. In the mind of modern Germany. They tell us the truth, namely that there is no point of agreement between the mind that regards peace, law, cooperation, ethics, as mind that regards the instinctual: Force, aggression, ruthlessness, cruelty, uninhibited sexuality, lust and conquest, as the releasing, liberating forces of mankind. They tell us that there is no agreement between us as we still are, and them for they have turned these instincts loose in the greatest counter-revolution in human history, and are destroying their victims by their own victory on trying to free every country on the globe from peace by pacifism; law by legalism; humanity by humanitarianism, and carrying their war in to every human mind.

They launch a peace offensive before every major new aggression. And there is always some one, like Senator Wheeler, or like Mr. Verne Marshall, who swallows the bait.

It is with no malice whatever toward Senator Wheeler that I say that his outline of a possible peace are utter nonsense. If such a peace were possible, London would not be in flames and Nazi agents spreading metal disintegrating in every country on the globe. Whole peoples would not be mourning in crucifixion if such a peace were possible. What Senator Wheeler asks us to think is that this war prepared for by the building of a complete philosophy of force plus the most gigantic war machine in human history, happened because of a little misunderstanding, and that it is possible for the Nazis, to say, "Sorry, fellow, my mistake." And Mr. Verne Marshall (who is he, anyhow?) begins living in the realm of fantasy much more unreal than Hollywood war films, when he "reveals" that an "official" offer of peace was made to the President of the United States by Goering, via an American oil speculator. The story is front-page news in papers devoted to reason. Is not the story itself evidence of the insane seclusion that this world is becoming? Is there not a German Embassy in Washington through which "official" peace overtures can be made? And does not Mr. Marshall know, that Goering, since long before this war has used double-pated business men bent on consummating deals, as his "peace" emissaries, to quiet the victim and confuse the victim's mind while he gets ready to destroy him?

They went to Austria, to Poland, to Czechoslovakia, to Holland, to Belgium, to France, to London. But in the days when the "official" peace offer was to be "officially" discussed—in these days tanks began rolling and aeroplanes spluttering fire and destruction.

Mr. Davis, like many others, was being taken for a ride.

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I do not take this shift in emphasis to mean that there is, as yet, any real disaffection with the Churchill Government. Least of all with the Prime Minister himself. But I think it is increasingly clear that the honeymoon period of the government is over. There is far more impatience with its mistakes. There is mild resentment over its blunders in India, its intolerably slow remedy for the mistakes it made about friendly aliens, its lack of plan for the education middle, to take instances only, there is increasing appetite for information, even a new note of acerbity in questions in the House of Commons, a demand that Ministers shall deal with criticisms there and not confine themselves to pronouncements. The government has done a grand job in the development of its strategic dynamic; that is why we still stand erect and confident before our enemies. But it has to begin to develop its social dynamic with parallel intensity. There is no other way in which it will be able to maintain its hold.

It is, I think, worth adding that it is this mental climate which made Mr. Joseph Kennedy's resignation of his usefulness as American Ambassador in London. His remarks showed how completely he has failed to grasp what is happening in Britain. His ideas are pretty clearly the reflection of those groups with whom, I sus-

THIS WEEK

General Wavell's masterly handling of the campaign in Libya has not lacked its full quota of surprises — chiefly of the unpleasant variety for Marshal Graziani — but there has been no dramatic chapter to compare with the capture of Benghazi. The British flag now flies over the whole of Cyrenaica, apart from a few isolated posts south of Benghazi, with Italian demoralisation so complete, that Graziani's strongest "desert fortress," capital of Mussolini's "second empire of Rome," fell with scarcely a shot fired. It was not until Monday that Derna, where Graziani made his last serious stand, was carried by storm. That Benghazi, 145 miles further west, should surrender four days later, provides all the comment necessary on the extent of the Italian collapse.

East Africa Besieged

In Eritrea, with smaller forces deployed, in Somaliland and Abyssinia, the triumphs of the Army of the Nile are being duplicated. Italian East Africa is surrounded, besieged and endangered. Keren, only fifty miles from Asmara, the Eritrean capital, and the headquarters of the Duke of Aosta, is being attacked with the same methodical skill that triumphed in Libya, the Italian retreat from Barentu has developed into a rout, the invasion of Abyssinia from west and south is proceeding almost unhindered and South African forces have penetrated Italian Somaliland to a depth of 70 miles.

Out Of A Desert Foray

All these considerable consequences have grown to their amazing fruition from what started as little more than a desert foray. It has now been revealed that when three British and Indian divisions attacked Sidi Barrani, the winter mark of the Italian invasion of Egypt, on December 3, just two months ago, they had strict orders to retire if they did not take it within three days. There was, at that time, no thought of the general offensive that later developed. The operation against Sidi Barrani was organised as a limited one, as a reconnaissance in force to test out Italian strength and if possible to nip off Sidi Barrani. It would have been considered a success if Sidi Barrani alone had fallen. But the Italian weaknesses revealed by that action were so patent and so major and the results of Sidi Barrani so great that General Wavell swiftly organised the grander offensive which has been pressed with extraordinary success and surpassingly brilliant tactical skill to a success almost without parallel in British military history.

Hitler Losing His Touch

The close connection between the intensification of German pressure on Marshal Petain and Britain's march of conquest in Africa requires no emphasis. Amid his European triumphs, Hitler is bogged down, confused and manifestly uncertain of the next step. Mussolini, on his side, has shattered for good the legend of Axis invincibility. The forceful attempts to bring France to

heel might, if they succeeded, provide something to redress the balance and be the prologue to desperate action, in the Mediterranean, or in an attack on the heart of the Empire.

The Vichy Negotiations

Precise nature of the exchanges conducted on behalf of Vichy by Admiral Darlan and on behalf of his German masters by M. Laval are shrouded in mystery. Hints of the purpose and trend of the discussions are plentiful enough, but most of them have a basis no more solid than conjecture or "intelligent anticipation." General conception is that Marshal Petain, presented with humiliating demands, continues to stall and offers to compromise. Whether he can wriggle clear seems ominously doubtful. Key point of the Nazi demand is the restoration of Laval to dominant position in the French Cabinet, with Paris as the headquarters of the new regime. It is a demand which puts Marshal Petain "on the spot." Acceptance or rejection, in the long run, must doom his hopes, his beliefs and his regime.

Darlan And Weygand

Two official statements have lent interest to the negotiations. Admiral Darlan, once credited with a defeatism which would permit surrender of the French Fleet to the Hun, stated categorically in a broadcast that the Fleet would remain under the supervision and control of the Petain Government. General Weygand, broadcasting from Berlin, categorically denied any French intention of permitting Hitler the use of Bizerta as a base against the Army of the Nile. Admiral Darlan's ultimate attitude cannot be predicted with any certainty. General Weygand would deny the use of France's North African Empire to Hitler against any Vichy decree given under duress.

The Currie Mission

Arrival in China of Dr. Lauchlin Currie, President Roosevelt's administrative assistant, coincided with an announcement that Mr. Nelson T. Johnson and Mr. Clarence Gauss were to exchange diplomatic positions. Probably no more than a coincidence, it nevertheless gave rise to much speculation. Dr. Currie himself controlled little more than that he was embarked upon a fact-finding mission. The "Washington Star" committed itself, however, to a more revealing explanation, referring to China's grave problems, and adding that pro-Chinese feeling in the United States, coupled with Chinese propaganda, had tended to obscure the fact that protracted fighting had drained Chinese resources and had created internal stresses which threaten serious consequences.

Internal Stresses

Belief, therefore, that President Roosevelt is, among other things, disturbed by the implications of the clash in Abwehr between the central Government troops and the New Fourth Army may not be altogether wide of the mark. Danger of civil war in China in consequence of that incident appears now to be remote. But Chungking must be under-estimated the profound effect of its occurrence on opinion abroad, nor expect to conceal entirely the dangerous potentialities. Information dribbling into Hong Kong concerning the sequence of events, before and since, cannot be described as other than disquieting. Only if Chungking were to tell the whole story would the situation appear more genuinely reassuring. For if this constituted China's solitary "internal stress," it would be serious enough.

Loose And Laid Bill

The Aid-Britain Bill has conferred a long lease of eloquence on the isolationist forces in the United States, and lent emphasis to the warning last week that successful passage might appear to be more problematical than the facts justify. As far as the House of Representatives is concerned, the point of greatest significance is that no amendment wholly contrary to the Administration's wishes has survived. In the Senate, the controversy is more intense, but President Roosevelt's political strategy can be trusted. Mr. Wendell Willkie, fresh from his triumphal tour of Britain, full of vivid impressions of sturdy defiance of raid havoc, will certainly throw his not inconsiderable weight on the side of swift passage.

The Late Lord Lloyd

Mr. Churchill has lost a valued collaborator in the death of Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies. He was a man of genius in his special sphere, of forthright opinions which did not offend themselves universally, but which were guided always by a brave conception of British responsibilities, ideals and prestige. The Prime Minister's tribute epitomised a vital, stern character, whose loss in these difficult times is a heavy one indeed.

SCRUTATOR.

Battle Of Ideas: Revolutionary Implications

By Harold J. Laski

A CAREFUL observer can, I think, begin to see signs of a change in the popular mind. There is no development of any easy optimism. Most thoughtful people recognise that the danger of invasion will not have passed until some time this year, we have reached at least parity with Germany in the air. There are far too many unknowns in all our equations for more to be said than this: that we have a growing confidence that we shall win, even though we cannot yet foresee either the how or the when of victory.

But interpenetrating this temper, there is a growing sense everywhere of the revolutionary implications of this war. I do not say for a moment that this sense is always welcome; both the public and private comments one hears make it evident that this is not the case. But whether with good or with bad will, it is increasingly understood how different will be the Britain which comes out of this war from the Britain that entered it. The things it will be essential to change are, in any showing of terrifying proportions—whether they are in the realm of labour conditions, of housing and public health, of education, of Imperial and international policy. Mr. Evelyn put it admirably the other day in a speech when he said that the nation would have to choose between social security and profit-making. As the days go by the realisation of the significance of the choice grows more widespread and more compelling.

You can see that realisation in the amazing impression made by J. B. Priestley's broadcasts; their reception showed, I think, that on social issues, at least, he spoke more representatively than most of the nation than anyone else has done since the war began. You can see it again in the kind of discussion that goes on in every shelter during an air-raid. It is an inevitable result, very interesting, of the fact that things like

A.R.P. have enormously increased the possible civic duties, and, out of those duties, has made them begin to reflect upon what Disraeli called the "condition of England question." It is the result, too, of the wholesale evacuation of children and the way in which the new problems have shaken them out of their wonted routines of thought. And I can testify from a pretty considerable experience that the force of circumstances has made a considerable part of the army, and not least the High Command of the Army, do more thinking about matters of social constitution than any Army in this country has ever done before.

All this has not yet made the impact it ought to have made on the War Cabinet; its mind, I suspect, still separates the strategy of the war from the problems of reconstruction. But what I think is happening (it is even visible in the House of Commons) is that the War Cabinet will quite rapidly find that it cannot maintain that separation unless it can win great victories. More and more, a common opinion is growing that unless we can reach agreement now about the kind of approach we must make to the epoch after the war, we are unlikely to reach agreement at all, and that neglect of the social issues will raise grave issues about the fitness of the government for its task. Either, within a reasonable future, there must be a diet of great victories or a diet of great reforms, or the government will be unable to provide the former, they will be compelled, in my belief, to provide the latter.

The atmosphere that situation implies is a tribute to the toughness of the democratic idea. The physical black-out cannot suspend discussion; it only drives it into new channels. People read more, and read more seriously. The idea of peace becomes something more positive than I can remember its

being. The connection between economics and politics is more widely understood. The inequities and inequalities of our system are more profoundly resented and less easily justified. Military victory, to be sure, is recognised as supremely important; but it is more a means to an end and not an end in itself. In public discussion the emphasis is far less on the evil thing that Nazism and Fascism embody, and far more on the good thing that we can prevent them rising in a new form.

I do not take this shift in emphasis to mean that there is, as yet, any real disaffection with the Churchill Government. Least of all with the Prime Minister himself. But I think it is increasingly clear that the honeymoon period of the government is over. There is far more impatience with its mistakes. There is mild resentment over its blunders in India, its intolerably slow remedy for the mistakes it made about friendly aliens, its lack of plan for the education middle, to take instances only, there is increasing appetite for information, even a new note of acerbity in questions in the House of Commons, a demand that Ministers shall deal with criticisms there and not confine themselves to pronouncements. The government has done a grand job in the development of its strategic dynamic; that is why we still stand erect and confident before our enemies. But it has to begin to develop its social dynamic with parallel intensity. There is no other way in which it will be able to maintain its hold.

It is, I think, worth adding that it is this mental climate which made Mr. Joseph Kennedy's resignation of his usefulness as American Ambassador in London. His remarks showed how completely he has failed to grasp what is happening in Britain. His ideas are pretty clearly the reflection of those groups with whom, I sus-

pect, he has most sympathy in outlook—the circles round Lady Astor, on the one hand, and the exponents of a neo-authoritarian society opening under religious control on the other. To Mr. Kennedy the end of a laissez-faire society is the end of democracy; to all but a handful—through a powerful handful—of Englishmen that end is the beginning of democracy in any effective sense. And most of us think that Mr. Roosevelt's conception of democracy has more in common with that of most Englishmen than it has with that of Mr. Kennedy.

The new Ambassador, we hope, will express, with full conviction the Roosevelt outlook. For that outlook, being built on a faith in the power of democracy to survive, is the key to the prospect which victory holds of a world built, at long last, for the masses and not for the privileged few.

One final remark is worth making. Anyone who reads, as I do, the Communist account in the American press of the position of civil liberties in this country might well think that a widespread suppression of opinion has taken place. Quite emphatically that is not the case.

There have been a few unpardonable prosecutions; there has been a large number of those fussy and stupid interferences with free expression which are inseparable from a situation of crisis.

But, taken generally, civil liberties have, so far, stood up better to the tests of this war than they did to the tests of the last. The treatment of aliens apart, the main faults have been in the excessive zeal of a few local authorities rather than in the central government. Immense as are the powers the law gives, so far, as balance, they have been used with remarkable discretion.

BULGARIAN RUMOURS ROUSE TURKEY

Ankara Radio Hints That Yugoslavia Would Join Opposition

DeWet To Be Shot As Spy

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

It was learned in Berlin yesterday that Percy William Olaf de Wet, 28, a British subject and descendant of the famous Boer War general, has been sentenced to death for espionage on behalf of the French Secret Service.

The news was revealed by Hitler's own newspaper, which revealed that a pretty dancer, arrested as de Wet's accomplice, committed suicide.

De Wet was captured last year after an affair in Prague with the dancer.

He worked for Haile Selassie against Italy and flew for the Loyalist in Spain. International News Service.

EVACUATION RUMOURS DENIED

With reference to rumours current in Shanghai of a total American evacuation from the Far East, the "China Weekly Review" learns from responsible American circles that they are entirely groundless. The U.S. Government has neither ordered the U.S. Marines to withdraw nor Americans to leave China within 30 days, as rumoured. —Central News.

JAPANESE OPEN NEW LEGATION

A message from Canberra states that, prior to the arrival of the new Japanese Minister to Australia, the new Japanese Legation has been established at the Canberra Hotel by Mr. H. H. Harker, formerly Japanese Consul-General in Sidney, and a member of the Legation.

MERCHANT SHIP BILL SIGNED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") President Roosevelt yesterday signed the bill authorising the appropriation of \$315,000,000 for the construction of 200 merchantmen. —International News Service.

General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, who arrived in Hong Kong during the week from an extensive tour in the South Seas on a goodwill mission, left for Chungking yesterday.



Hurricane fighter pilots in the Western Desert holding a conference before going on patrol. The R.A.F. has played a vital part in the brilliant successes of the Army of the Nile.

BENGHAZI'S FALL ELECTRIFIES BRITAIN

BRITAIN HAS BEEN ELECTRIFIED BY GENERAL WAVELL'S THREE WORDS "BENGHAZI SURRENDERED YESTERDAY."

Among tributes paid on all sides the "Evening Standard" says: "Despite the known momentum of our attack on Libya the Cairo message still surprises us as General Wavell has dazzled the Italians by his speed."

Benghazi means that the Italians are not only deprived of their main base in Cyrenaica but also that its strategic value is now at British disposal. Benghazi is a clean modern city of 65,000 inhabitants of whom 20,000 are Italian and is the capital and seat of government in Cyrenaica.

It has a very large and well sheltered harbour and its embarkation facilities for personnel and stores are excellent. As to repair facilities there are engineering works capable of undertaking minor repairs. An outer and inner breakwater on the north side of the harbour enclose the port which has an area of 370,000 square yards. The port can be entered in any weather but in bad weather it is not always possible to berth alongside the mole of the new port.

Cruiser Depth

The new harbour, which was completed in 1935, has depths varying between 3½ and 7 fathoms, and thus large cruisers can use Benghazi, but it is doubtful whether a battleship could be successfully moored in the harbour. By land Benghazi is the centre of communication of the province. From it both roads and the only railway of Cyrenaica radiate. Benghazi is provided with excellent airfields, which are situated at Benghazi itself, and there is a seaplane base.

Clear Warning Of Turkish Attitude

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

RUMOURS OF NEW NAZI THREATS TO BULGARIA HAVE AROUSED SHARP COMMENT IN TURKEY, WITH CLEAR WARNING THAT GERMAN PENETRATION INTO BULGARIA WOULD MEET WITH TURKISH RESISTANCE.

Turkish radio commentators, interestingly, speak also as though Yugoslavia's intervention, in alliance with Turkey, and Britain, would be almost automatic.

The broadcaster at Ankara, however, expressed doubt that the Nazis could move enough troops in Rumania to attempt the invasion, asserting:

"They would meet a wide Balkan front. The Balkans can muster more than 100 divisions, and added to there would be British forces."

By April, the commentator continued, Germany at best could have only about sixteen divisions in Rumania and would be forced to leave some troops there.

"It is doubtful," he added, "that the Germans could pass peacefully through Bulgaria. Also, they would have to protect their left and right flanks (presumably against Turkey and Yugoslavia). Therefore, it appears that the German troops in Rumania will be used only for pressure against the Balkans, not for conquest."

Press Defies Germany

Turkish newspapers declared editorially that if Germany tried to strike at Britain through Turkey the country would fight. The "Fasri Elkat" said:

"Turkey is not a country to be frightened by threats. A brief talk somewhere in the Alps (between Hitler and Mussolini) will not make the Turks give up resistance to an enemy. If there are people who are ready to undertake such a dangerous adventure, we are ready to meet them in a way that will open new pages of glory for Turkey."

The "Yatan" said: "It is Germany's business if she wishes to repeat Italy's mistakes. The Italian zone of security will become a German zone of security. A battle ground that will threaten the Axis at its heart."

The "Aksam" declared: "Germany would be insane to draw Yugoslavia and Turkey into the war. A Balkan front would be more dangerous to Germany than the British front."

British Victory

Third, the German newspaper declares that the Turkish press believes in a British victory and that Turkish public opinion cherishes similar illusions. Mr. Yalcin replies that the Turkish press does not merely believe in Britain's strength, but also that Britain's victory is essential to insure freedom and independence for the smaller countries.

Fourth, says Mr. Yalcin, the German newspaper complains that the Turkish press rejoiced at the conclusion of the commercial agreements with Britain and did not imagine that it could not be carried out. "The more fact," he replies, "that not we but our German friends concerned themselves about this treaty suffices to show its value for Turkey and that it is completely applicable."

Congress Warned

The newspaper "Son Posta," writing under the headline, "The United States Must Act Quickly," says:

"Mr. Churchill's words at Glasgow contained hard truths. That is why the American Congress should accept as urgent Roosevelt's plan to aid Britain. At such times one cannot save a situation by questions and answers, however clever — immediate and decisive action is called for."

"The American legislators ought to know that if they lose precious time by exercising the right that democracy confers on them they will be opening democracy's tomb with their own hands." United States aid for Britain, it continues, is not a question of speed. It is a question of life or death. If the members of Congress are slow to appreciate this truth they will have shown that Parliament is a vain and lifeless institution.

Tension In Sofia

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

London diplomatic circles report great German activity in South-East Europe, especially in Bulgaria.

German pressure is being applied for the establishment of a puppet Government in Sofia. The tension in Bulgaria is apparent. —International News Service.

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NAZI EFFORT TO COVER UP

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

NAZI PROPAGANDISTS are trying to put the best face possible on the fall of Benghazi.

It is submitted, naively, as the first time in its career that the Nazi High Command has had to organise a retreat.

Commentators argue that the wild flight of Marshal Graziani's troops across North Africa was "organised," and that although it put the vital port of Benghazi into British hands, it might be regarded as a piece of "military strategy" by the Berlin chiefs.

The argument apparently is that, from the viewpoint of morale and prestige, the retreat can be regarded as nothing less than a terrible blow for Mussolini and Fascism, but it is of no psychological importance to Germany, and the Reich therefore decided that only by permitting the Army of the Nile to extend itself in a thin line over hundreds of miles of arid territory could they be stopped at all.

Which may seem somewhat fishy. —International News Service.

HITLER'S CABLE

Herr Hitler sent a cable of congratulations to the Emperor of Manchukuo, on the occasion of the latter's birthday.

Donations of \$500 from the Sports Club and \$300 from the China-New Guinea Mercantile Company have been received by the B.F.R.D.C.

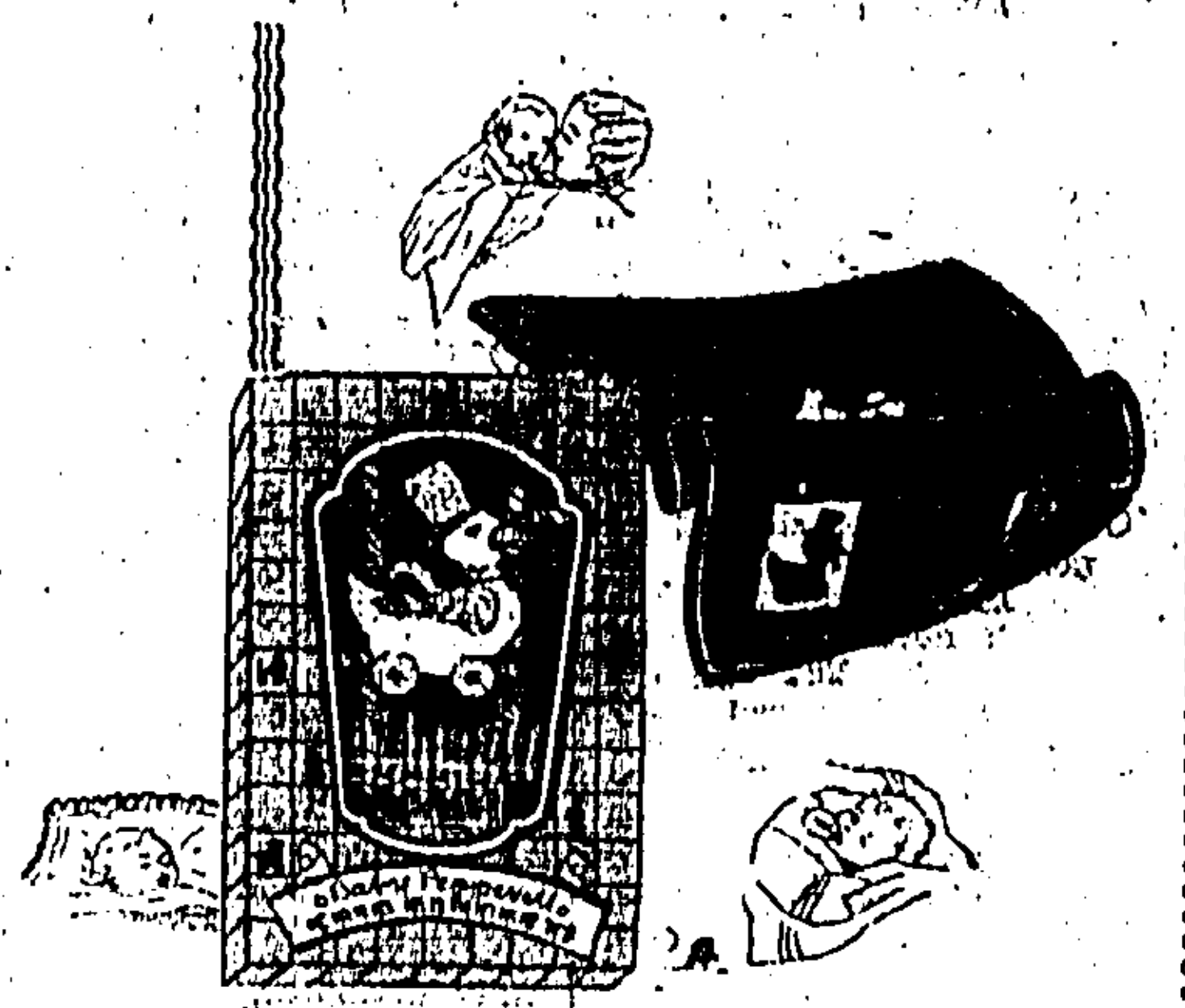
Some Words To Eat

The fall of Benghazi marks a decisive stage in the North African campaign and puts Britain in possession of an important naval and air base.

Significance of this striking success has, in effect, been admitted in advance by the Germans who, apparently, were wholly unprepared for the rapid series of reverses their ally has suffered.

It is recalled that, commenting on the collapse of Sidi Barrani, one of the more cautious German newspapers, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" remarked, "The British cannot speak of this as a decisive action. Before using the word 'decisive,' they would have to have advanced as far as Benghazi and to have secured an air base for an attack upon Italy itself." —British Wireless.

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"Cripes, what's that awful row?" said the grocer at the corner to the grocer's wife, who was just giving him a cup of tea before he got up.

"That! That's old Mrs. Wansberbeck's Emily, from 10, Minnowa. I'd know 'er great foghorn beller anywhere," said his wife. "An' there mustn't 'arf be a shindy on, jedgeing by the 'owl she's makin'. Not one to lift 'er tongue for nothing, Emily ain't. An' if you were 'arf a man you'd pull on yer pants and look round to see wot's up, and me with me 'ands full getting yer breakfast and the fire an' all!"

But long before the grocer, or indeed more than a tithe of the interested neighbours, could pull their pants on and get to the

spot, P.C. Hawkes, with a "Now, what's all this noise about?" had shouldered his way through the knot at the door and had gripped by her upper arms the grinning woman, in 'spon and curdles, who was still shrieking in regular rhythm, albeit rather more hoarsely and with rather less violence.

"Now then, Mrs. Battle," the constable said again. "What's all this about?"

"The mistress! Mrs. Wansberbeck! She's been murdered! And I know who done it, too—the lying, wastering rascal!"

"Sh-sh. Come, come," said the constable. "No use shouting like that on the step. You come along with me and we'll just 'ave a look. May be some mistake about it, you know."

But as soon as Emily Battle had taken him up to the first-floor flat, and shown him the bedroom in which her mistress lay, he saw at once that there was no mistake. As there was no telephone

in the flat—he recollected having heard that Mrs. Wansberbeck was not one to waste her money on a cold and dark December morning the raucous voice of the maid from No. 10, screaming urgently as a train-whistle at the front entrance to Minnowa Mansions, quickly collected a crowd in the dingy Fulham street.

"Well, that looks plain sailing enough for you," the police-surgeon said a little while later, as he rose to his feet after an examination of the body. "Cause of death, heart-failure following attempted strangulation. There are the marks of thumbs on her windpipe, but she wasn't in fact

strangled. Her heart gave out first. Time of death, six to eight hours ago—probably round about midnight. Do you a p.m. if you like, but I don't suppose we'll get much more out of it."

"That means murder," said the Divisional Inspector, Garfield by name.

"Well, I should say so. Your man might put a plea of accident or manslaughter, seeing that she didn't actually die of strangulation. Say he tried to give her a fright or something. But I shouldn't think that was likely to wash, with the old girl in her nightgown, and his fingers on her throat and all. Well, so long. Let me know if you want anything more of me."

"Marks of his fingers on her throat," the Divisional Inspector murmured to himself. "Ah! And the question is, whose fingers are they? Hawkes!"

"Yessir."

"Didn't you say there was a woman here who said she knew who'd done it?"

"Yessir. Emily Battle, sir. Deceased's factotum, sir."

"We'll have her in here. Stop a minute, Hawkes—this is on

your beat, isn't it? Anything you can tell me about this outfit, first?"

P.C. Hawkes had not very much to tell. The dead woman he knew only slightly. She was reported to be a terror and very rich—also a miser, or she would not have lived in Minnowa Mansions, where the flats were of the £100 a year order. "It wasn't robbery, though," Inspector Garfield commented. "There's not a sign of anything having been ransacked here. At least, if it was robbery it was robbery by someone who

knew very well where to find what he wanted."

She had never troubled the police in any way, though Hawkes understood she was a terrible trial to the landlord. She had not many visitors; there was a relation—nephew, he believed—who came along every so often. And now and then she had a friend in. What she did with the rest of her time he didn't know. As to the servant, Emily Battle, she was a holy one with her tongue and no mistake. As ugly as sin and the terror of the tradespeople. But so far as he knew

she was fond enough of the old lady; anyway, she'd been with her for donkey's years.

"Strong?" asked Garfield.

"As a horse, sir."

"Um. Not that it was needed," Garfield said. He was thinking of the possible temptations of an annuity to a servant who had lived many years with a mistress who was a terror and a miser. And at present the murder had all the appearance of being an inside job. "Got to get a look at the will—if there is one," he made a mental note. "All right, Hawkes, in with her."

But a very few words with Emily Battle were sufficient to dissipate any suspicion of her guilt. She was certainly ugly, and she was certainly not sweet-tempered. But no servant who had just murdered her mistress, the Inspector felt, could have feigned her purple swollen face, her hot floods of tears, or the shrieks of rage with which she demanded that the police should stop wasting time over her and immediately arrest the murderer. For Emily Battle, as she had told the constable, knew who the murderer was.

And who was he?

Why, that lying, ungrateful, dirty, swindling nephew of her dear mistress, that—that beast, that viper for whom she had done everything in the world that anybody could while he—

Yes, but who was he?

Franklin Stanhope, his name was (as if that were the least important thing about him), and he was her own sister's son and

Yes, but why was she so sure that he had murdered him aunt?

At this Emily Battle broke into a long and loud tirade, so interspersed with sobs and abuse of the police that it was difficult to make out for some time what she was saying. Reduced to some sort of order, the main chapters of her story appeared to run somewhat as follows:—

(1) That Franklin Stanhope, the son of Mrs. Wansberbeck's sister, and so far as Emily knew, her only living relative, who heir to Mrs. Wansberbeck's money, which must be a considerable amount though Emily did not know how much, because the old lady had told her that she did not spend above the half of the interest on her investments. No (in reply to a question), she didn't keep money about the place; she thought it was a fool's trick. She put it all in—the bank the minute she got it.

(2) That Franklin Stanhope was a barrister, but a barrister who never did any work, so far as Emily knew, but played around in night-clubs and at race-courses, borrowed money on his expectations, and was always coming to his aunt for financial assistance. That up till a few years ago she had paid practically without demerit, but since then she had got more and more angry with his lounging and recklessness, and had talked more than once about the possibility of changing her will and leaving all her money to

(3) That on the previous evening Franklin Stanhope had come to see his aunt, and they had had a fearful row. Emily had not let him in herself, as it had been her afternoon out, and she had left Mrs. Wansberbeck's ten and supper ready for her; but when she came in about half-past nine (for she wasn't one who held with all those late nights) she had seen Mr. Franklin's hat in the hall and heard them going at it hammer and tongs in the living-room. She had looked in to see if Mrs. Wansberbeck wanted anything, and had been roughly told to hold her tongue and get out. So she had gone to bed, but the

row had continued; and it was not until she had been in bed some time—between half-past 10 and 11, she judged—that she had heard Mr. Franklin go out of the flat and bang the door, and Mrs. Wansberbeck, a few minutes afterwards, come out of the sitting-room and go into the bathroom.

"But, stop a moment," Garfield said at this point. "You say you heard your mistress go into the bathroom after you heard the front door bang?" Emily Battle nodded. "But, then that means she was alive when Mr. Stanhope left her last night."

"Maybe," said Emily. "But what's to prevent him coming back in the dead of night, when we was all asleep, and doing 'er in? He'd got his own key to the flat, and that outer door ain't never locked."

"But isn't there a bolt or anything to this front door?"

"Maybe," said Emily. "But how if it was bolted? How if my mistress, being a bit forgetful as she was sometimes when she was upset-like, and worrying over that young waster, hadn't remembered to bolt the door after him? Anyhow, it wasn't fastened when I went down to take the milk in this morning, and you can put that in your pipe and smoke it, Mr. Whatever-your-name is!"

"Oh," said the Inspector. "You're sure of that?"

"Take my oath on it, if it wasn't against my principles to swear."

"Very well. I don't think I need keep you any longer, Mrs. Battle. What is the address of this Franklin Stanhope?"

"Twenty-three, Jermyn Court—and I hope it burns down on him!" said Emily Battle.

"Umph!" said Inspector Garfield to his subordinates at large. "Looks a bit awkward for the young fellow, if what the wench says is true. Anyway, it'll be fairly easy to check up on. Rogers, you go and ring up Jermyn Court, and see if his high-and-mightiness is receiving visitors; and, by the way, you might find out whether that maid knows who were Mrs. Wansberbeck's lawyers, I forgot to ask her. I'm going to get the Yard on to it right away; it's more their affair than ours—still we might as well get what information we can ready for them."

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So it happened that, a little while after the clock on St. James's had struck 8, William Speed, a young Scotland Yard Inspector, very anxious to do his credit on his first murder case, but very bored and cold

after a long vigil outside Jermyn Court, received the signal from the local man that his bird had returned, and after a second long and more irritating delay was ushered into the presence of Franklin Stanhope.

Speed tried to put into practice the psychological instruction he had received at the Police College, and to sum up his man at sight. The most obvious thing about Franklin Stanhope was that he was in a very bad temper; the second that he had had a very thorough night out on the previous evening, and that he had been trying to repair the effects of it in the usual way. He was not drunk; but he was not far from it, and he had certainly reached the quarrelsome stage. For the rest, he was a big fellow, older than Speed had somehow expected to find him, good-looking, probably, when he was in better physical condition, and with a face that was not totally devoid of intelligence or attraction, though he was not out to attract at the moment. For primarily he was cross.

"Well, what do you want?" he asked in a voice that was more like a snarl than anything else, making no move to get up, or to offer his visitor a chair.

"I want a few words with you, sir," Speed said, taking the chair that was not offered.

"What about?"

"About your aunt, Mrs. Wansberbeck."

"What about my aunt?" Stanhope glared at him.

"I don't know whether you have heard, sir, but your aunt died very suddenly last night?"

"Heard! Of course I've heard! What are the evening papers for, do you suppose? It's all splashed over the front pages. And what d'you mean by saying 'died very suddenly'? She was murdered, wasn't she? You don't have to break it to me—good God,

"I've been breaking it to myself all the afternoon!" said Stanhope with an ugly grin.

"I'm sorry, sir—"

"Sorry be damned. You haven't come here to tell me you're sorry. What have you come here for, that's what I want to know. Out with it! But it's no use asking me to tell you anything about my aunt's death, because I don't know anything."

"Excuse me, sir," said Speed, as politely as he could, "but you being the last person to see her alive, and you also being her

"He got no further, for he was interrupted by a vast and hysterical peal of laughter from Stanhope, who slapped the table and roared at his joke.

"Ha! ha! ha! ha! Her heir—that's a good one, that is! Ho! ho! That's one of the best I've ever heard! You found out I was her heir, did you, and I forgot to ask her. I'm going to get the Yard on to it right away; it's more their affair than ours—still we might as well get what information we can ready for them."

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"Mr. Stanhope," Speed interrupted. "It is my duty to warn you—"

"Warn away, my bright boy. You'll laugh on the other side of your mouth in a minute. Now listen. I was her heir, as you found out, you clever little lad, you; but I'm not her heir any longer. Yesterday—just yesterday, mark you—my dear aunt made a new will and cut me off with five quid and her blessing. So what? I've got a jumble of that, my good Nousey Parker? Pretty joke, isn't it? Ha! ha! ha! You know, if you could see your own face you'd laugh yourself."

"You understand me to say that my aunt disinherited me yesterday. Made a new will, and left all her money to a cat's home. She told me so herself. She's threatened to before, but I never believed she would—she loathed all charities. But she did. And then goes and gets her heir killed before I've had time to do anything about it! Look here," said Stanhope, pouring himself a large whisky and gulping it down. "I've told you all I know, and I don't like the look of your face. I didn't do any murder; I haven't any motive, and if you want an alibi I was drinking in the Pink Ox from the moment I left her last night until God knows what time this morning, and there's loadings of fellows will tell you so. So suppose you try pushing off."

"I didn't see what else I could do, sir," said Inspector Speed, re-

porting, rather crestfallen, to his chief at Scotland Yard. "The man was very offensive; but he was three parts drunk, and if his story was true he must have had the cluckens of a shock, both last night, when he found he was disinherited, and this afternoon, when he found the old lady had died with the new will unaltered. I couldn't blame him, at that, for cutting up rough. Of course, I know he might have killed her in a passion, like the doctor said, not meaning to do it but just giving her a shake so that she popped off. But, though he might likely have done that at once, as soon as ever she'd told him, I didn't somehow see his going away and coming back to do it. And he was very confident about his alibi afterwards—just chucked it at me as though there wasn't any doubt it would hold water. So I didn't see what I could do but come away, sir; though looking back now it seems to me I may have been wrong."

"I think you need quite correctly, Speed," Superintendent Wilson said to him with a kindly smile. "What more, I think you're justified already; for things have been happening while you've been out, and we've been round the place and investigated things a little more thoroughly than the local people did—of course, this morning, they thought they'd got their bird on toast. For instance—this Franklin Stanhope, what sort of sized man is he?"

"Oh, a big chap. Five foot ten at least—may be a bit more. I didn't see him standing up," Speed said. "And brand-shouldered and all. Strong as a horse."

"Hands? Did you notice them at all?"

"Big, like the rest of him. Broader than mine, I'd say," said Speed, spreading his own out. "Great fat thumbs."

"So I should suppose. Well, the doctor's had a close look at the lady's neck and he says for certain that the marks on it were made either by a quite small man or a woman. That alone looks like letting our friend out, for it's not very likely that he would have had an accomplice. But there's another thing. When we came to go round the room carefully we found the print of a dusty shoe on the linoleum—a man's shoe, size 8 about, on the edge of the door leading towards the wardrobe. And, Speed, inside that wardrobe we found traces of dusty feet, not quite clear, but pretty certainly the same sized foot, made by somebody standing inside the wardrobe. What do you make of that?"

"You mean—her murderer was standing inside the wardrobe, waiting for her to go to bed?"

"Looks like it."

"But he couldn't! He'd suffocate, standing there any length of time."

"I'm not so sure about that. The wardrobe's a good place of furniture, with a good many cracks and not many clothes in it. If he opened the door a chink when she wasn't in the room he'd get plenty of air. And we don't know how long he had to stand there."

"What about the windows?"

"He wouldn't have to be merely a small man, he'd have to be a squirrel, to get in at those windows are all screwed down with patent screws that leave about three inches open at the top."

"Perhaps," said Speed, "he came while the maid was out, pretending to sell vacuums or collect for something, and Mrs. Wansberbeck let him in herself?"

"And then put him in the wardrobe? Besides," said Wilson, "Emily Battle said Mrs. Wansberbeck would never do anything of the sort. She loathed 'travellers and collectors of every sort, and always put the door on the chain, when she was by herself, before locking it, and if they were collecting stamps it in their faces. The police sports fund," he added with a chuckle, "was her out in that, and one of the locals told me he'd been there when a little chap came about some charity or other—I'm not sure that it wasn't actually the Cats' Home—and got bullied with in an inch of his life. . . . And anyway, why should a vacuum tout want to murder her?"

"Was it the servant, perhaps?" Speed, very much flustered at receiving the confidence of his superior, suggested. "You said it might have been a woman as well as a man. And maybe she was left something in the will. Or what about whoever inherited it? Stanhope didn't find out about it and killing her quick before she'd time to alter her mind? I don't suppose she really left it to the Cats' Home."

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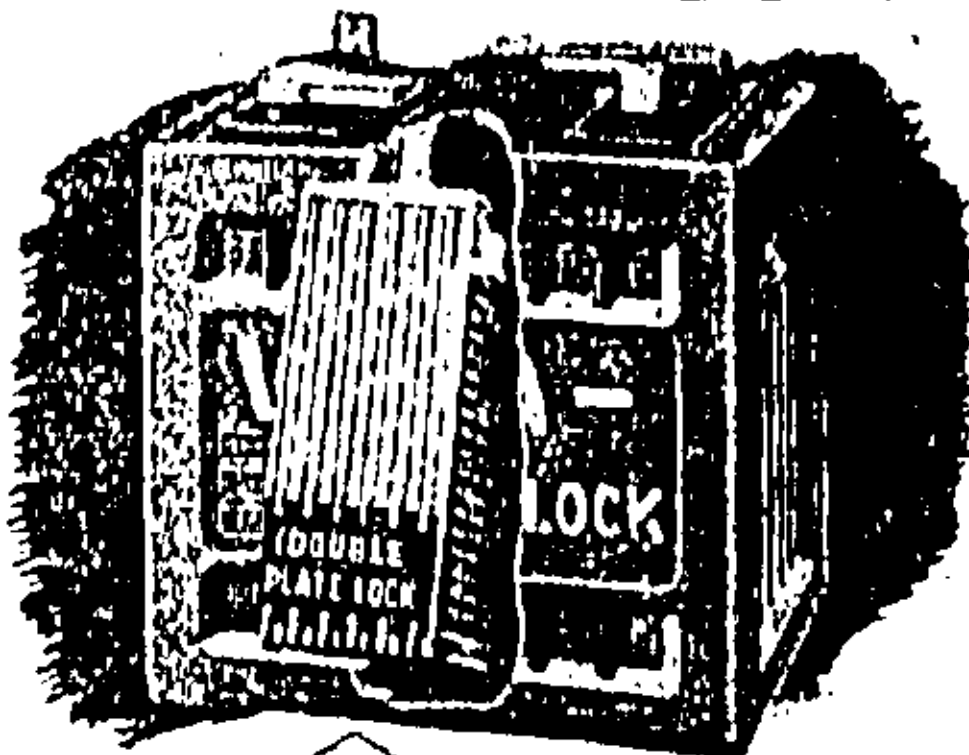
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CHINA'S FINANCES

Resiliency In Four Years Of War

Opinions Of An Economic Expert

"THE SINO-JAPANESE WAR is being fought more on the financial front and will probably be decided there."

This is the opinion of a Chungking visitor, Mr. P. T. Chen, Director of the Economic Research Department of the Central Bank of China and Editor of the "China Quarterly," expressed in an interview yesterday. Mr. Chen is now on a mission to inspect the Burma Road for the Executive Yuan.

On the factors contributing to China's successful prosecution of the war, Mr. Chen said that he would like to emphasise one which was not as spectacular as others but was perhaps even more important, and that was China's financial staying power.

"I can do no better," he summed up his discussion, "than to quote Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who at one time declared that the continuation of China's staunch resistance would have been impossible had it not been for the able management of her war-time finance."

Contrary to the expectations of the Japanese strategists and to the surprise of even some neutral observers, "the tremendous wartime problems and difficulties confronting China's financial front have been so handled that after almost four years of major operations the National Treasury has met all expenditures, the tax burden has not been unduly increased, the loan issue has not been excessive, China's credit remains good, and her currency still stands firm, despite the enemy's onslaughts."

Not An Accident

"This remarkable accomplishment," Mr. Chen asserted, "cannot have been an accident. It was the fruit of pre-war financial developments." According to him, the real foundation of a sound fiscal system in China was laid between 1933 and 1937. Under Dr. H. H. Kung, the Ministry of Finance made persistent efforts to modernise the nation's financial system and to increase productive power. Trade and industry were stimulated, rural economy was overhauled, the tax system was reformed, exorbitant local levies were abolished, revenue sources were developed, state expenditures were rationalised, a system of budgetary control was evolved, the banking system was strengthened, and China's credit abroad was bolstered by the settlement of debts in arrears—all these reforms having important bearings on China's wartime financial stability.

Above all, Mr. Chen emphasised, China's financial front was strengthened by the development of a uniform currency system, particularly the Currency Decree of November 1935, whereby silver was nationalised and the legal tender system instituted.

"This epoch-making reform, rendering possible the smooth transition from a metallic to a fiduciary currency as well as the centralisation of the country's currency reserves," he declared, "laid the bulwark of China's financial defence. Without it, China's sustained resistance against Ja-

pan's aggression would have been well nigh impossible."

Blitzkrieg Inducement

According to Mr. Chen, there are two forms of action on the part of countries at war. A country like Japan, which has limited natural resources, is more likely to adopt reckless measures to finance its military needs, hoping to achieve a blitzkrieg. A country with rich natural resources, such as China, is inclined to use conservative measures, in order not to jeopardise its long-term economic recovery following ultimate victory after a protracted conflict. "Without underestimating the gravity of China's financial problems," Mr. Chen emphasised, "Japan may be expected to reach the end of its financial tether sooner than China."

Speaking of war costs, Mr. Chen stated that China, following the example of Western nations, had had to depend to a large extent on war loans to finance her emergency needs. But, he pointed out, "being essentially an agricultural country where there is comparatively little capital in circulation, China has turned toward the conservative side in issuing bonds. Subscriptions have been entirely on a voluntary basis in China, whereas in Japan subscription to war loans is forced on all banks."

China's Loans

"During the first three and a half years of the war, China issued internal loans totalling about 1,000,000,000 Chinese dollars, whereas Japan contracted new indebtedness to the tune of about Yen 26,000,000,000, or six times as large as China's," he added, "considerable loans and stimulus have been extended to China by Great Britain, the United States, Soviet Russia and France, whereas the doors of borrowing in the world's financial capitals are closed to Japan."

Questioned concerning China's currency situation, Mr. Chen pointed out that even before the war there was a shortage of paper currency in China. As a consequence of the hostilities, he said, demands for legal tender have been mounting, due partly to the urgent requirements by the general public and partly to the everish expansion of industrial and economic enterprises in the hinterland. Moreover, provinces which formerly used local notes, such as Szechuen, Siliang, Sinkiang, Kwangsi and Yunnan, changed to National currency. Then too, the National currency circulated not only in Free China but also in the "occupied" areas, in Shanghai and Tientsin and in the regions where Chinese guerrillas abound. Where the Japanese control is real and the use of legal tender notes is effectively prohibited, they become "hoarded" and thus unavailable for circulation at all.

"In other words," Mr. Chen concluded, "China's wartime note issue, though numerically increased over that of peacetime, has not reached saturation point and cannot be labelled inflation as such."

Notable Success

In further comment on the Sino-Japanese currency war, Mr. Chen pointed out that the people's confidence in the National currency has enabled the Government to combat with notable success the Japanese scheme to undermine it. "Rigid measures of foreign exchange control, however, have not been enforced," he explained, "because of Japanese interference in China's commercial and financial centres and because of the existence of extra-territoriality and of foreign settlements and concessions in China. Although the Government has been obliged to modify the procedure of exchange operations and to allow downward adjustment of exchange from time to time, according to the needs of the market, it has persistently adhered to its declared policy of maintaining the National currency. Moreover, although there have been marked changes in the exchange value of the National currency, the fluctuations were due largely to speculation and the Government has continued to make exchange available to legitimate business needs. The existence of the so-called 'black market' is not an uncommon phenomenon in countries subject to foreign exchange control, even in peacetime."

"It is a significant fact that



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INDUSTRY IN INDIA EXPANDS

The industrial situation in India is exceedingly satisfactory. The large expansion of Indian industries arising from India's War Effort has had a tonic effect in all industrial areas. This is shown partly by the satisfactory evidence of contentment among the workers.

In the figures for the last quarter of 1940, the latest return available, only 65 strikes occurred involving less than 22,000 workers out of an average daily working strength in organised industry of 2,649,000 workers distributed thus:

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Railways (excluding railway factories)	589,000

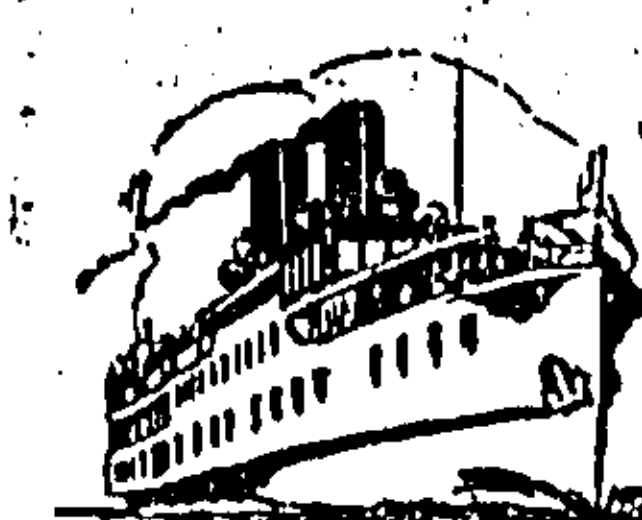
The Provincial Strike Reports showed 10 in Bengal involving 4,768 workers; 12 in Bombay involving 3,665 workers; 9 in the Punjab involving 4,963 workers; 6 in the Central Provinces involving 4,340 workers; 4 in Madras involving 2,476; 2 in the United Provinces involving 404 workers and one in the Sind involving 400 workers.

It will be seen that the percentage of the workers involved in strikes to the total working daily strength during the quarter mentioned was as low as .3.

throughout the period of hostilities, India has maintained both in the "occupied" and unoccupied areas an acceptable medium of exchange which has consistently been demanded in preference to the issues of the Japanese and their puppets have attempted to circulate at the point of the bayonet, and which has the distinct advantage of free convertibility into foreign currency. The surprise of China's wartime currency management is not that China's currency has been subjected to severe tests but that it has withstood as well the enormous strains imposed upon it."

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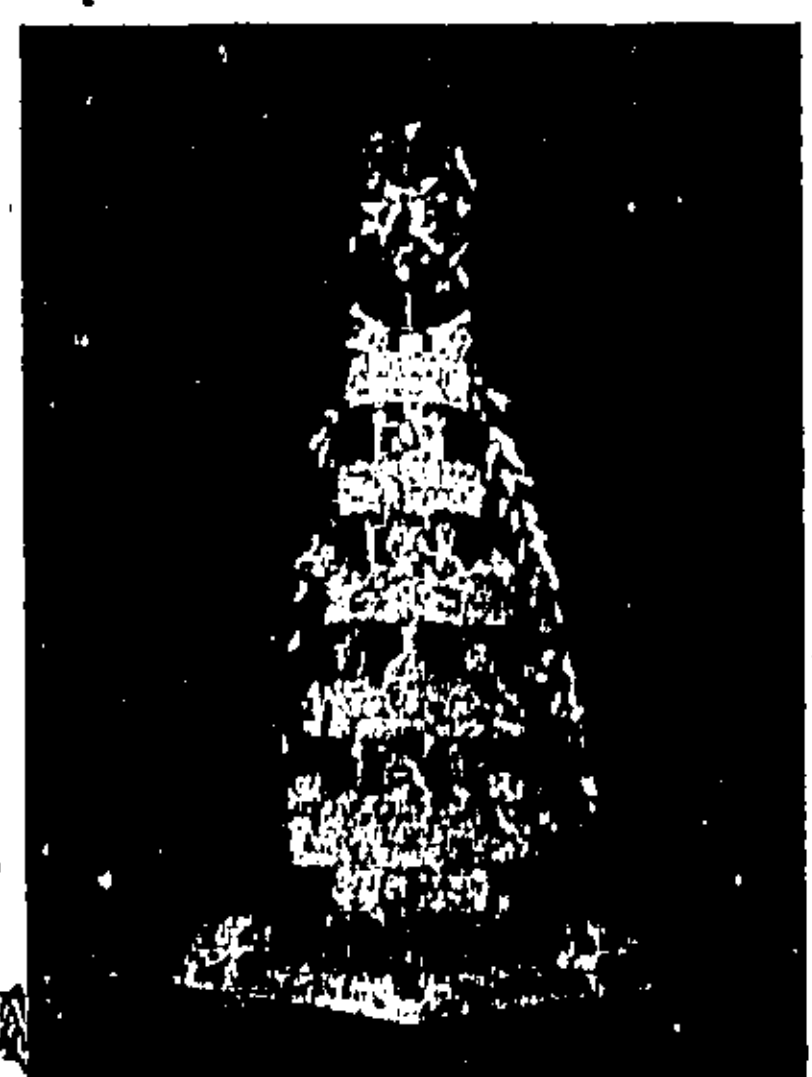
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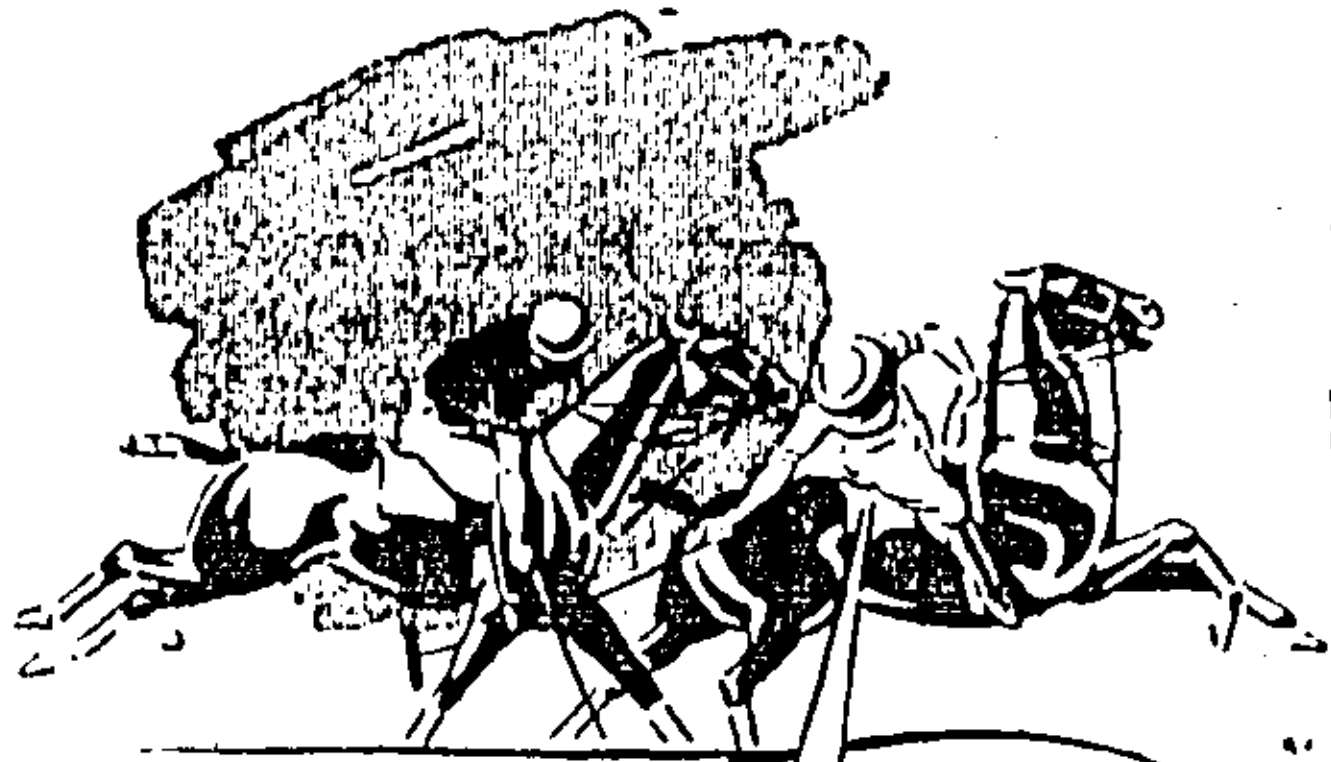


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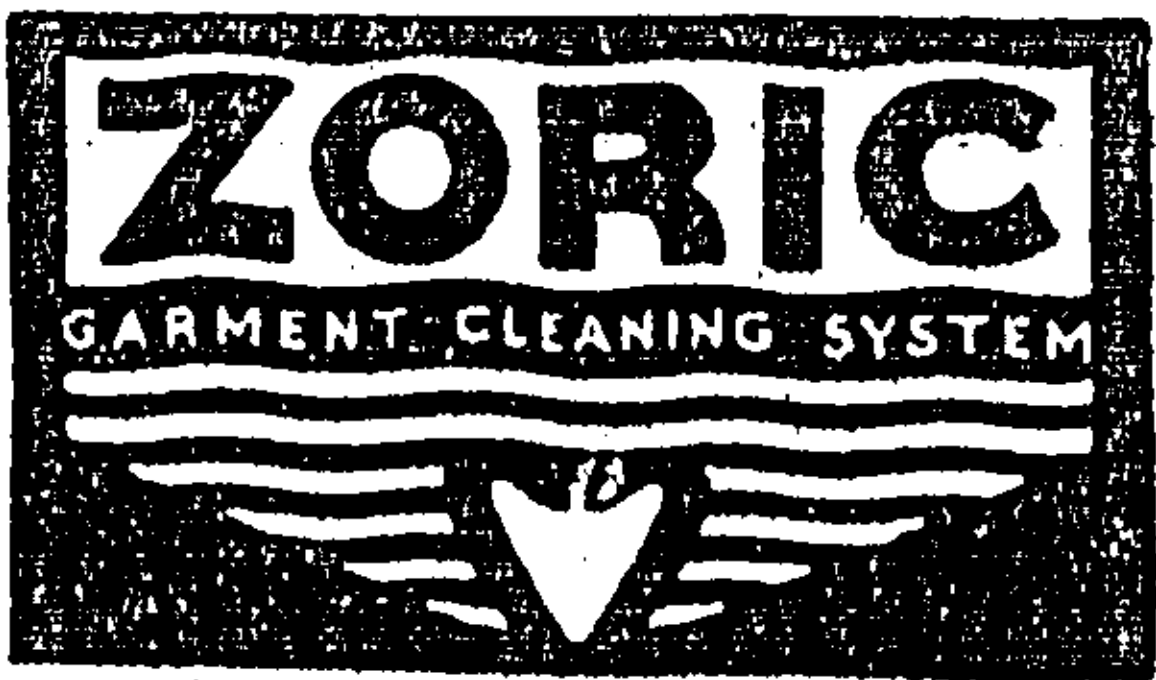


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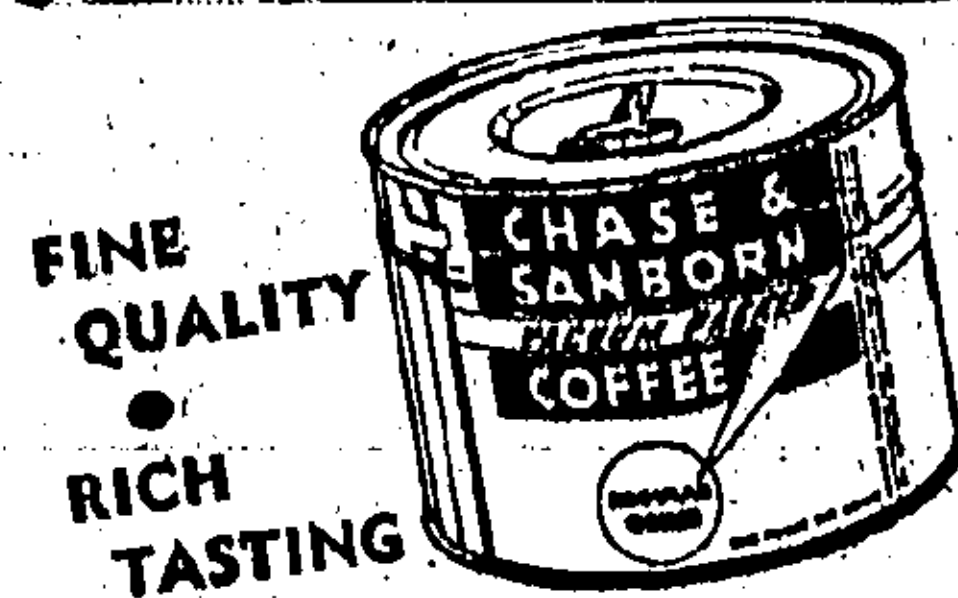
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I HAVE never seen her looking so beautiful as she looked yesterday, walking slowly down the wide staircase of the hotel in Mayfair—never seen her move with such grace, nor dressed with such an exquisite sense of fitness—in an old macintosh, a homespun scarf and a very battered hat.

Often in the past I have seen her coming down that same staircase—(so have many people who read the Society magazines)—and have delighted in the picture she made, for in times of peace she was always the most poignant of women.

Her jewels were never vulgar excesses, they never appeared to be "stuck on," they were a part of her.

If she wore orchids she did not give one the feeling that they were dying of slow torture; they seemed to dance and sparkle as though they were actually gaining fresh life from her own body.

Oh, yes... the gossip writers had every reason to say, as they so often did, that "Lady R. was as usual one of the best-dressed women in the room."

She was certainly one of the best-dressed women I have ever seen—yesterday, in an old macintosh, a homespun scarf, and a very battered hat. Going down to her nightly work in the East End.

Now, it is unlikely that any decision will ever be reached in that antique controversy of a vanished age, whether women dress to annoy other women or to please men. (The perfect dress, one imagines, would satisfy both these admirable ambitions.)

But, in case the latter aim is uppermost, I think it is high time some man stated that many women work to-day, in uniform or out of it, are looking more beautiful to-day than they ever looked before.

They may not think so. But then all women, when looking in a mirror, are invariably struck with total or partial blindness, which is one of the charms of the sex.

If proof of this were needed, one has only to cast one's mind back to the hats of eighteen months ago, which may certainly be ranked among the minor horrors of peace.

Velvet flat-irons, satin birds' nests, geometrical problems in chiffon, pawnbrokers' signs in beads. These were the astonishing and often alarming objects in which other women's sense women chose to roam at large in broad daylight.

Thank heaven Hitler blew these off women's heads!

Why was it that Lady R. looked so beautiful yesterday? She was very fatigued. You don't stay up night after night serving soup throughout the small hours of the morning in buildings that rock to their foundations and creak looking as though you had just had a face massage.

The macintosh really was old and the hat really was battered, and had obviously been put on in a hurry.

Nor had she any make-up on. Yet she looked lovelier than ever before.

I am afraid that the sentimental explanation must be the right one.

And yet, is it "sentimental" to suggest that a woman who is doing noble work acquires, in her features, a reflected nobility?

Is it "sentimental" to believe that fatigue, in such a cause, writes lines as beautiful than can be traced by any cosmetic? And that these old clothes, acquired a sort of symbolic magnificence which could not have been acquired by the richest furs or the most precious jewels?

If it is "sentimental," then I am all for sentiment, for it happens to be true sentiment.

I think there is often a beauty that goes to the heart in the little figures of women in uniform who are nowadays to be seen in every danger area.

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Often they are tired and dirty, and when they try—with a sort of desperate gesture of femininity—to make up their faces they are so rushed and battered about that all they can achieve is a dab of rather grimy powder on the tip of their small noses and a hurried peck of lip-stick which they haven't time to smooth in.

The V Guide

I want you to use the magic in your finger-tips—it's an important part of the muscle-education scheme.

Now, first please draw an imaginary line down the centre of your face, from forehead to base of chin. Next, picture a series of Vs, their points on the line, their "arms" finishing at the sides of the face.

Seven to eight Vs would cover the average face. This is your "finger-guide" for the main massage movements—there are others, of course.

Begin your massage at the point of the lowest V—that's the chin—and work upward and outward along its arms. Take each V in turn, lifting the fingers before you tackle the next V.



The message is really a sharp, staccato tapping with the cushions of the fingers. Before you begin it make sure that you've removed every scrap of make-up. Leave a light film of grease on the skin (either a little cleansing cream or a slippery massage cream) to prevent its getting stretched.

Do this chin to forehead V tapping about twenty times. Now (still keeping the V plan in mind) rest the point of your chin between the bent forefinger and thumb of each hand; thumbs underneath the jaw, fingers on top.

Dig the middle joints of the fingers into the flesh and work along the jaw to the ears, with a series of kneading, rolling movements.

The thumbs underneath the chin are pushing and lifting the flesh. Do be careful, won't you, not to do this roughly enough to drag the skin?

In a few minutes the skin will begin to glow. Splendid—that's what you want. Now you can begin elsewhere.

Again, with thumbs and bent forefingers, gently pick up the muscles at the sides of the mouth, roll them, and work upwards and upwards along the V line to the side of the face.

Red light again here—use great caution while moulding the cheek muscles, otherwise you'll drag the skin over the cheek-bones down.

The muscles on the temples can be gently pinched and rolled, and those over the eyebrows. Under the chin you can really dig into them and it'll do them good.

In conjunction with the right creams and lotions, your fingers will work like charms, used this way, to bring back vitality to the most inelastic muscles.

But the effect is grand. At least, that's what most men think.

However, there are exceptions. For there is a small but noisy group of women who have taken the gallant example of their working sisters as an ignoble opportunity to parody their clothes.

They stroll about in trousers, they put men's jumpers over their heads, and even men's Norfolk jackets—in fact, you'd think that they'd gone to their husbands' wardrobes, as soon as they were called up, and laid their hands on anything that would fit them.

You never see these freaks in the bombed areas (except occasionally in Bloomsbury and Chelsea).

It's in the safety areas that the Monstrous Regiment of Trousered evanescences are to be found—walking down country lanes, or sitting at cafes in sleepy provincial cities.

Many of them are doing absolutely nothing except wait for the war to be over, yet they rig themselves out as though about to drive a mixture between a fire engine, a milk cart and an ambulance.

They should be ashamed of themselves. They should go home and wash their faces and comb their hair and put on a decent coat and skirt.

We are fighting for a great many things, which are all a variation of the ideal of Freedom. But we are not fighting to put the women of England into long pants.



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Happy the country that includes cheese-making among its home products. If there is a surplus for export other countries, less fortunate, will welcome it. For what can be more wholesome and nutritious as a staple item of food than cheese?

Just think of the quickly-made savoury dishes you can make with cheese. For there is much more can be done with cheese than just serving it up as a finish to an already heavy meal. In fact, that's the last thing we should do. Cheese serves better treatment. As a meal in itself it is satisfying; served as an introductory savoury it perks up our appetites for the next course.

When served in this way, the savoury should be light. In these recipes you'll find many, to choose from.

First there's the popular:

Macaroni Cheese

Ingredients: Macaroni, butter, grated parmesan cheese.

Cook the macaroni in salted water. Put it in a good sized tin or butter into a fireproof dish. When the butter has been well mixed in with the grated cheese, put small pieces of butter about the size of a walnut on top and sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Bake in a moderate oven.

Cheese Pudding

Ingredients: 4½ ounces butter, 3 yolks of eggs, pinch of salt, 4 dessertspoonsful of cream, 8 ozs. grated cheese, 1 tablespoonful potato flour, 3 whites of eggs (well beaten to a snow); minced ham; melted butter.

Cream the butter and beat the egg yolks with a pinch of salt, pour on the cream and stir in cheese, flour and fold in the beaten egg whites.

Pour the mixture into a well greased pudding basin and steam for half an hour. Turn the pudding out and sprinkle with minced ham. Serve with melted butter.

Another Cheese Pudding

Ingredients: 3 egg yolks, 4 ozs. butter, 4 dessertspoonsful cream, 3 ozs. grated cheese, 1 dessertspoonful flour, 3 egg whites, minced ham.

Beat the yolks and butter well together, add the cream gradually. Then mix in cheese and flour. Whip the whites of eggs to a firm snow and fold in. Butter a pudding basin, pour the mixture in and steam for a half to three-quarters of an hour. Turn the pudding out, sprinkle with chopped ham and serve with brown butter.

Cheese And Mushrooms

Ingredients: 4 yolks of eggs, 3ozs. butter, 3 tablespoonfuls parmesan cheese, 2 tablespoonfuls flour, 4 whites of eggs, 4 tablespoonfuls cream, mushrooms.

Beat the butter and eggs together, add the cream, flour, cheese and egg whites, beat to a snow, add salt. Put the mixture in a frying pan (preferably one with divisions) and fry in hot butter. Decorate with stewed mushrooms and serve hot.

Nourishing and digestible is:

Parmesan Rice

Ingredients: 2 yolks of eggs, 2 ozs. butter, 2¼ ozs. grated parmesan cheese, 2 dessertspoons

breadcrumbs, 2 egg whites (beaten to a snow), pinch of salt.

Beat the yolks of eggs and the butter together until frothy, add cheese and crumbs. Fold in the beaten egg whites. Drop the mixture from the end of a spoon into hot soup. Serve with the soup or separately.

Cheese Souffle

as a change from omelette.
Ingredients: 1 gill of milk, 1 oz. flour, 1 oz. butter, 3 ozs. grated parmesan cheese, a pinch of cayenne, seasoning, 3 egg yolks, 4 egg whites.

Butter a souffle mould and tie a piece of buttered paper round the top. Melt the butter and add the flour. Cook for a few minutes and add the milk. Stir till boiling and beat till smooth.

Add the seasoning and remove from fire. Add the cheese and egg yolks and beat well. Whisk the whites and fold into the mixture. Pour all into the souffle dish and back in a quick oven for about 20 minutes. Serve at once. This mixture may also be steamed.

Omelette

Ingredients: 2 ozs. butter, 2 ozs. grated cheese, 3 eggs, seasoning. Whisk the eggs, yolks and whites separately and then mix. Add seasoning and grated cheese. Melt the butter in a pan and pour in the mixture. Cook lightly and serve at once.

Try this delicious Bacon and Cheese Savoury.

Ingredients: ½ (half) lb. streaky bacon, 1 teaspoonful cold cooked potatoes, seasoning, 2 ozs. grated cheese, 1 oz. butter, 1 egg, breadcrumbs.

Grate the cheese and sieve the potatoes. Add the seasoning and mix all together. Add the butter (melted) and mix with beaten egg. Form into balls and lay aside to become firm.

Spread out the slices of bacon and remove the rind. Wrap one slice round each ball. Egg and crumbs each and fry in fat. Serve at once.

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2nd. Impromptu, Op. 31 (Gabriel Faure); Rhapsodie in C Major, Op. 11, No. 3 (Debussy); Prelude in E Flat Major, Op. 23, No. 6 (Rachmaninoff); Prelude in C Minor, Op. 23, No. 7 (Rachmaninoff).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

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The Second Serenade (Hony Heykens); Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" Act II.

2.30 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—"The News".

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

8.03 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in D Major ("Coronation").

8.35 p.m.—Mozart Songs.

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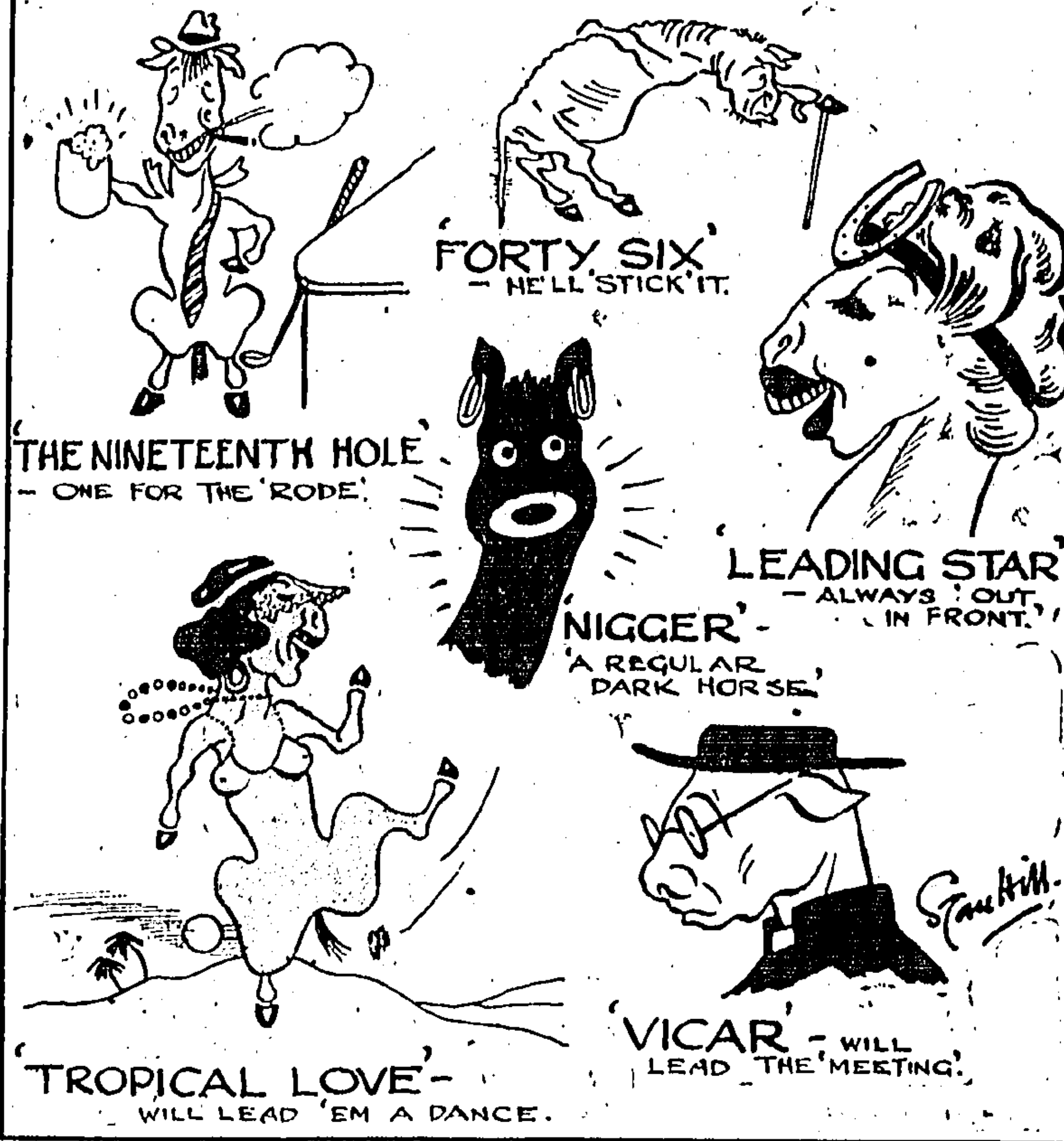
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Why Do We Drink?

When a woman wants a crime committed, she can usually find a man to do it for her. That was not merely a cynical remark. It was the conclusion drawn after deliberation and research by a student of criminals—Haylock Ellis.

This is one of the difficulties in getting out accurate statistics of crime. To produce evidence against a person who has incited to wrong-doing is very often impossible. Figures about law-breaking are therefore confined, speaking generally, to cases that have been before the Courts.

Another difficulty in deciding whether crimes of various kinds are increasing or diminishing in number is that alterations are made from time to time in the manner of tabulating them. For example, the Metropolitan Police used to have a Private Suspected Stolen Book in which they entered particulars of all property reported as missing and believed stolen.

These cases did not appear in the records as crimes. Eight years ago this system was changed. Now all such cases are put down publicly as crimes or property lost. There is thus an apparent huge jump in the theft figures which does not correspond to reality.

Unfortunately there has been at the same time a real jump. In a book by the famous German criminologist, Dr. Hermann Mannheim, "Social Aspects of Crime in England Between the Wars" (Allen and Unwin, 1935), it is shown that in the past 20 years robberies have become more and more numerous apart from the effect of the change mentioned. For the years 1921-1924, the average of offences against property without violence was 22,000. In 1938 these offences numbered 219,000.

Robberies with violence, though less in number, increased in much the same ratio. The average for 1920-24 was 17,000. The figure for 1938 was 49,000. This is alarming, all the more so because it cannot be attributed to the four-year-war. The first few years of peace saw nothing of the sort.

Hard Times

What does come out clearly is the relation between hard times

and theft. Depressions manufacture criminals. Unemployment blurs the distinction between "mine" and "thine."

Again the encouragement of the instinct to use violence, which is necessary in war-time, must have contributed to a marked increase in readiness to be violent in peace-time.

Murders have been less frequent in recent years, but attacks due to sudden rage or to accumulated irritation, without any idea of killing, have quadrupled since the twenties began. Nervous strain caused by war conditions must have had something to do with this also.

Drinking has decreased, though not to the extent suggested by

the drop in arrests for drunkenness; there is a great deal more private drinking in working men's clubs than there used to be. Deeper drink and the greater comfort of many homes has caused less alcohol to be taken.

One of Dr. Mannheim's remarks, which make his book, so largely composed of hard facts and figures in tables, human and deeply interesting, is that contented people do not want to gamble.

It is equally true that contented people do not steal; they very seldom drink too much. Your habitual drinker is a poor creature who needs artificial stimulants to keep him going, his vitality being so feeble.

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ARMY RUGBY COLLAPSE IN Q.T. TOURNAMENT

2 Injuries Mainly Responsible Navy Triumph Due To Lower Deck And Watson's Leadership Club Half-Back Change Upsets Combination

By "Scrum-Half"

HONG KONG'S FIRST QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT, WHICH WAS CONCLUDED LAST SATURDAY, RESULTED IN A MOST UNEXPECTED TRIUMPH FOR NAVY, WHO DROPPED ONLY ONE POINT IN SIX GAMES.

At the commencement of the season Army were considered unbeatable, having speedy backs and an above average pack, but it needed only two injuries to upset their equilibrium — Douglass and Marsh were away for the first game, against Club, and Army were held to a 13-all draw. Cuthbertson was injured in this game and took no further part in the Tournament and Army scored only four other points, all from Police!

The most improved player in the side was undoubtedly Macdonald, who is now very safe in his tackling and only requires to develop a severe to become a really useful wing-threequarter. At the moment he needs a clear run if he is to score, possessing no swerve or side-step to press home his great speed.

Douglass and a poor season for the club player that he obviously is, and his refusal to play at stand-off caused the selectors many headaches when choosing between Hook and Combes, I would have preferred Combes in the centre, but Hook's slowness off the mark at fly-half was too apparent to be ignored, and Combes should have filled the fly-half position in all six games. Wedderburn put in a lot of useful work at the back of the scrum, improving greatly as the season progressed. Of the forwards Picketon, Millar, Ford, whose hooking was brilliant, Sutherland and Gilliam deserved most praise.

Club's Mistake

Club, who were conceded an outside chance, badly missed Biddell in the centre, and an early injury to Charter added to their problems, but they had made their first major mistake before this misfortune, and that was when they decided to play Aitkenhead at fly-half and Charter in the centre. Last season Charter and Thomson showed magnificent understanding in the "big" games, and the indifferent displays of Charter in the early part of the season should not have produced so panicky a move. At forward, Heasman, Macrae and Kennedy were quite the most prominent, while Burford did well as hooker.

Navy Bombshell

Navy, who were expected to make a team and that was all, provided a bombshell when they all but beat Club in their first encounter—they drew 5-5 following a late try by Stewart—and then proceeded to beat Army 11-0 on the following Saturday. "Wait until the second round," was the general opinion, but Navy had already laid the foundations for an unbeaten record, and their grim determination and practice team-work carried them through with a little to spare.

Their triumph can be attributed mainly to two factors—the introduction of lower deck players in the absence of the usual ponderance of Public School talent, and the magnificent leadership of the pack by Watson, whose hooking was also always of a high standard.

No one would belittle Navy's success, and I least of all, but my follower of the game would agree that their team was probably the poorest one to win the Tournament, Paul, Honeywell, whose introduction after a lengthy sojourn in soccer clothes stiffened up both attack and defence, King and Taylor were their only really outstanding players prior to the Tournament, and yet round this bare nucleus was built a match-winning combination.

Two Bad Setbacks

They had their reverses — Charter, their captain, played in only the two games against Police, and Taylor was badly missed from the pack during the second round. O'Riordan, however, proved an able substitute for Charter, playing a very orthodox game and getting the ball out to Paul or Honeywell at the earliest possible moment, while Sutherland's weight in the light scrums was invaluable.

Paul was Navy's most prolific scorer, and had he not shown the fine form he did a different tale might have been told. Honeywell was also very impressive, while Burford did extremely well at the base of the scrum. Of the forwards King, Winter, Watson, Poole, Cuthbertson, Millar, Picketon, Duke and Gilliam.

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Club	6	3	2	87	48	8
Army	6	2	1	52	43	5
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IN THE LIMELIGHT, NO. 56

A.H. RUMJAHN TOOK TO CRICKET ONLY AFTER INJURY AT FOOTBALL

By "Adrem"

ALTHOUGH he has been associated with local cricket for many years, it is not generally known that A. H. Rumjahn, who batted so well for Indian Recreation Club in their senior League cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club last Saturday, like Eddie Gosano, only took seriously to the game after an injury at soccer.

Since that happened almost 30 years ago, Rumjahn has seen more cricket in the Colony than possibly any other cricketer still actively engaged.

RUMJAHN is one of three brothers who have all captured their Universities. His eldest brother Dr. H. Rumjahn was educated at Liverpool University, where he had a distinguished athletic career, and led the cricket team, while Arthur is well-known here as a University and I.R.C. player who has the reputation of being one of the shrewdest captains the Colony has ever produced. "A.H." himself, led the Hong Kong University team in the course of his period of residence here, and has since played a leading role in the development of a liking for cricket into him at an early age, and when he entered Diocesan Boys' School in about 1910, "A.H." took a keen interest in the game, and played occasionally for the school, and later, after to play for Cranleigh, a fast bowler, Jack Palmer, Billy Gittins, Stirling Jex and the late Willie and Alfred Hall, and G. A. V. Hall, but D.B.S. cricket in those days was not the power in the land that it was later to become.

TURNS TO SOCCER

IN 1909 "A.H." joined Queen's College, but soccer then claimed his attention and he played no cricket in his first year. He, however, secured a place in the school team as an all-rounder, but, notwithstanding the efforts of R. E. O. Hird, the Interport left-hander, A. R. St. John, and later P. J. de Souza, who were on the staff of the College, Queen's cricket was nothing much to write home about.

At that time the school with the finest cricket team was St. Stephen's College, who had really promising eleven which included such players as Wei Wing-lok, Ng Sze-kwong, Ng Sze-chung, Ng Sze-yuen and H. W. Petersen. Queen's always had a sorry time of it when they played St. Stephen's, but "A.H." remembered with satisfaction a game against them in which he took five catches at point.

AT UNIVERSITY

IN 1913 a scholarship won on the matriculation rests altered the whole course of "A.H.'s" future career. It had been arranged that after he had finished school he would join his brother in Liverpool, but it was then decided that he might just as well stay on here.

In passing it might be mentioned that Dr. J. Rumjahn is now married and settled in Liverpool, and his two sons have made big names for themselves in Liverpool sport. Both are excellent Rugby players, and both have represented their County at hockey.

Not having done anything remarkable at cricket while at school, "A.H." did not find any rush by the University cricket authorities to select him for service, and he confined his activities to soccer, being elected to take over the captaincy of the team almost immediately.

In his second season—he invariably played center forward—he pulled a tendon in his knee, and that injury ended a most promising football career.

WICKET-KEEPER

TAKING to cricket seriously he found competition for a place in the eleven very keen, and it was not until the season was fairly well advanced that he was given his chance. On that occasion the wicketkeeper was not available and "A.H." took his place. He stumped one and made 18 runs out, and thereafter was selected as an opening batsman and kept wicket regularly until Dr. Ponsbury-Fane joined the staff.

The University team of that time was composed of a very great extent, of those former stalwarts of St. Stephen's. Wei Wing-lok was the captain, and other members of the side were Ng Sze-kwong and his brother, Ng Sze-yuen, Ho Wing-kit, one of the late Sir Kai Ho Kai, Professor Sir John Yew, the latter one of the best bowlers ever turned out by University. At the height of his career, however, Yew, who was a keen sportsman, strained himself and never recovered, dying at an early age.

Many of the names mentioned in the foregoing paragraph will be familiar to local cricketers as former members of the now defunct Chinese Recreation Club team, one of the most sporting sides ever to have played here. On leaving University, these enthusiasts were largely instrumental in forming C.R.C., as they were all of them first-class tennis players, as well, and they



A. H. Rumjahn, taken in 1916 just after Morrison Hall had won the Inter-Hotel championship.

were responsible to a very large extent for the domination now held in local tennis by the Chinese.

JUNE 3 GAME

IN Rumjahn's first year with the University cricket team little spectacular was achieved, but in 1915 the University team was assisted by G. E. Marley, K. Brayshaw, F. A. Redmond, J. D. Wright and R. A. Ponsbury-Fane, and they then possessed one of the finest combinations in the Colony.

The Great War was of course in progress and there was no League cricket, but great struggles were enacted between University, Hong Kong Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club. K.C.C. were also very powerful, members of their team at various times during the war being R. Ponsbury-Fane, W. H. Stapleton, later killed in action in France, C. I. Stapleton, J. P. Robinson, A. A. Claxton, K. R. McKaskill and A. W. Ramsey. Numerous representative matches were arranged, usually by Mr. (later Sir) Claude Severn and Dr. Ponsbury-Fane, who were both fanatically keen on the game. Some idea of the keenness of the cricketers of those days will be gained from the fact that one representative match was fixed for the King's Birthday, on June 3.

Rumjahn still remembers clearly an incident in that game. At noon play was suspended and an adjournment made to the pavilion in order to drink a toast to His Majesty. Noticing that "A.H." did not drink, a Pte. Bains approached him indignantly and demanded an explanation. His answer soon cooled, however, when Rumjahn explained that during the religious Feast of Ramadan no drink was allowed to pass his lips.

I.R.C. FORMED

IN 1919 University cricket was at its best and Rumjahn remembers a great game at Chatter Road against I.R.C.C. University batted first and made 238 for 6 (A. H. Rumjahn 64, Ponsbury-Fane 56, Marley 50, Brayshaw 30 and Wright and Redmond both a few). Although Cricket Club were without either Dick Hancock or "Tam" Pearce they went for the runs, and when stumps were put down they were only 18 runs behind, the match being left drawn.

About a year before this time negotiations were in hand by the Indian community of Hong Kong to secure a ground on which they could form a club. In 1918, they were allotted a site at Sookunpoo, then situated on swampy ground and was in a playable condition, and the Indian Recreation Club cricket team came into being soon after. Rumjahn was one of the original members, others being A. el Arculli, S. H. S.A., S.D. and S. A. R. Imlail, the late M. B. Safford, and the late D. Rumjahn, while Arthur Rumjahn, who was still an undergraduate played for them for one year but was then forced to turn out again for University.

In their first year of League cricket I.R.C. finished third, A. H. Rumjahn winning the batting averages and his brother Arthur the bowling, and since then Rumjahn has been a member of the four champion I.R.C. teams, capturing the eleven on two occasions.

FIVE CENTURIES

"A. H." has scored five centuries in the course of his career. The one of which he is most satisfied, being 108 not out for I.R.C. against Navy in about 1921-2, when Navy had a very strong bowling side.

He recalls many old personalities, many changes in conditions, the days of the Lamart brothers, A. O. Brown, George Hancock, no

MACAO SOCCER VISIT

AT THE INVITATION OF EASTERN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, MACAO FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ARE VISITING THE COLONY ON TUESDAY NEXT AND WILL MEET EASTERN AT CAROLINE HILL AT 6 P.M. THOUGH NO DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE THEY MAY PLAY EITHER SOUTH CHINA OR SING TAO THE FOLLOWING DAY.

HOSSACK BACK IN ARMY XI

Civilian selectors are satisfied with the display of their team in the semi-final of the Lai Wah Cup competition, when they beat Navy by 4 goals to 1, and are making no changes for the final against the Army on Sunday next.

Army, who surprisingly beat Chinese, are also well satisfied with their team and are making only one change. Hossack, who was originally selected but could not play owing to illness, will come into the side in place of Pearson.

Following are the teams for the final:—

Civilian:—Lapley (Kowloon); Black (Police); and Ulrich (Kowloon); Pope (Police); Gough (Police); and Maxwell (Kowloon); Fowler (Club); Howlett (Police); (capt.) B. Gosano (Kowloon); Ferrier (Police) and Rierson (Club).

Manager:—McKewin. Army:—Baker (R. Scots); Nairn (R. Scots); Fraser (R. Scots); Birrell (Engineers); Bright (Mid's); Freshwater (Mid's); Owens (R.A.); Hossack (R. Scots); Fox (Engineers); Weir (R.A.S.C.); and Duffield (R.A.O.C.) (capt.).

Lau Tze-chun, Eastern's left-half and captain, has left for the Straits and will be away for three weeks.

1ST. I.R.C. CHAMPION

AT Queen's College Rumjahn captured both the junior and senior bowls titles at soccer while he led the Muslim Recreation Club team which came second in the Junior Football League in 1913.

He was a member of the Morrison Hall athletic team which won the Inter-Hotel Athletic championship on numerous occasions, other members being A. J. Kew, G. A. V. Hall, W. M. Gittins and Ng Sze-kwong, and although he never carried off any of the individual championships he has a long string of seconds in the sprint to his credit.

At tennis he was singularly successful and was the first singles champion of I.R.C., besides winning the doubles event with S. A. Rumjahn for three years in succession to become the outright holders of the Dewar Trophy.

In 1917 he won the Cranleigh Cup championship and the same year made his first appearance in the Colony Championship. He got as far as the Third Round on that occasion, and the Fourth Round the following year, but he has never done better than that at singles.

In 1920, he entered the Final of the Colony doubles with Ng Sze-kwong, with whom he had been firm friends since their University days, but they lost the title to M. W. and M. K. Lo. "A.H." also played some hockey at school in the days when Queen's College were entered in the Open League and played Indian Regimental teams and other leading civilian and Army teams.

He was a member of the I.R.C. lawn bowls team on the two occasions they won the Second Division League championship, and only last year he achieved his greatest triumph, when he won the I.R.C. singles championship.

He has represented India on two occasions in the Gutierrez Shield Tournament.

SERVICES BEAT VOLUNTEERS BUT ARE TRIFLE LUCKY

Douglass Shows Return To Best Form

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

Following is to-day's football programme:—

FIRST DIVISION
Navy v. Eastern
(Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION
Navy v. Royal Scots
(Causeway Bay, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION
20th R.A. v. 7th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)
International v. A.S.A.
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)
Air Force v. 24th R.A.
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)

JUNIOR NEEDLE MATCH

By "Referee"

THOUGH A SENIOR GAME IS DOWN ON THIS AFTERNOON'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE PROGRAMME, THE IMPORTANT GAME IS IN THIRD DIVISION, WHERE AIR FORCE, PRESENT LEADERS OF THE DIVISION, MEET 24TH R.A.

Air Force have not done well recently owing to transfers and injuries, but have managed so far to stave off the challenge of Signals, their nearest rivals. This afternoon they meet 24th R.A., last year's champions, and in view of the Gunners' performances last Sunday against Service Corps the latter should be able to give the Airmen a good game.

The Third Division game between Signals and 24th R.A. arranged for this afternoon, has been postponed at the request of military duties.

At Causeway Bay, Navy meet Eastern in First Division. Some weeks ago Navy would have been able to give Eastern a good game but the latter have been badly hit recently with departures and they have had no real chance to try-out the newcomers.

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

Luk Tak-hang who started with South China seniors this season and then transferred to Sing Tao, for whom he played several games in First Division, is now playing in Second Division.

Sammy Tsang, St. Joseph's goalkeeper, is at present in Macao, but, it is understood, he is willing to come down to assist St. Joseph's in the Second Round of the Senior Shield.

Bankier, who was injured in the Army-Chinese game recently, is now fit again and will be playing in the Lai Wah Cup Final on Sunday next.

L. Souza, who has been playing for A.S.A. this season, will be transferring to St. Joseph's for the Shield competition.

Owing to the Annual Races all games arranged to be played in the Valley on Saturday next will have been transferred to other grounds.

Ng Kee-cheung will take Lau Tze-chun's position in Eastern's team this afternoon, while S. Y. Yuen will be seen at left-back.

The postponed First Division football game between Royal Scots and Navy will be played on Thursday next at Sookunpoo at 4.15 p.m.

Middlesex, who on the two occasions they have met Sing Tao were unfortunate to lose after having most of the play, are confident that they will be able to collect at the very least, a point from Sing Tao in the League on Saturday.

As there are a number of postponed games in First Division of the Football League not yet played and as there are likely to be further postponements owing to Volunteer Camps, a meeting of club representatives will be called shortly in order that mutual arrangements may be made for these games to be played off as soon as possible.

N. W. Smyth, Kowloon Cricket Club tennis player, returned to the Colony recently after an absence of some six months.

In Pak-wah, Sing Tao forward, will not be accompanying the team to Manila at the end of the month.

Honywill Plays At Full-Back And Yet Scores Picture Try

By "Scrum-Half"

COMBINED SERVICES WERE A TRIFLE FORTUNATE TO BEAT COMBINED VOLUNTEERS IN THEIR RUGBY MATCH AT SOOKUNPOO YESTERDAY BY THREE GOALS AND A TRY (18 PTS.) TO A GOAL, A PENALTY GOAL AND A TRY (11 PTS.) AFTER HOLDING AN INTERVAL LEAD OF 10-3. A LITTLE MORE INITIATIVE ON THE PART OF THE VOLUNTEER BACKS AND A MORE RELIABLE FULL-BACK WOULD HAVE REVERSED THE RESULT.

The weather was threatening when play commenced and a heavy drizzle in the second half produced a heavy and slippery ball and slowed up play considerably.

One of the best tries seen on the Army ground was scored by Honywill, Services' full-back, who came up into the threequarter line to take a pass and make a 50-yard run for a spectacular touchdown between the posts. It was undoubtedly the highlight of a match that was unusually interesting.

Services brought Macdonald and Paddon in, in place of Bowden and Page, while Morgan and Wright-Noth took the places of Aitkenhead and Stout.

Douglass showed a welcome return to form and, apart from some of the most dangerous man on the field, he and Richards were always in the limelight when play was on their side of the field. Among the forwards King and Sutherland were the best.

Morgan, giving a good service by "Tommy" gave a sound display at fly-half, selling the dummy well and opening up play whenever possible, but his efforts were invariably wasted by the lackadaisical Stewart or the over-anxious Carruthers.

Carruthers put up a bold front against Ford as hooker, and he broke about even, which is praise enough. I was also surprised he did not kick for Club instead of Morgan, Kennedy, Needham or the outstanding forwards.

Coombes Tackles Well

Soon after the start Carter cut the centre and a bout of passing saw Richards tearing down the wing, only to be tackled by Taylor and the ball go loose for a Services' player to cross-kick straight into Day's hands. He was away to kick, but Coombes came across and grappled him on the half-way line just as the situation began to look dangerous for Services. In the next minute Douglass secured possession and parted with the ball only when he saw Richards coming up at top speed, and the winger took it in his stride to gain valuable ground before his way was barred by Taylor. A pass inside then enabled Douglass to go over close in for Coombes to kick, but Coombes crossed the Volunteers' line a few minutes later, but Douglass's pass must have been forward.

Coombes then failed to land a penalty goal from an awkward angle and Macrae made two unsuccessful attempts to kick penalty goals from positions near the touch line. Morgan should have produced a score for Volunteers when he sold Coombes a perfect dummy, but, despite having two men up with him, he delayed his pass until the ball was knocked out of his hand by the force of Honywill's tackle. From the resultant scrum Services were penalised and Macrae kicked a good goal. Stewart attempted to drop a goal soon after, but the ball failed to rise, and then Carruthers broke through, only to pass wildly and too soon to Needham to throw away a good chance. Thomson got through from a scrum inside Services' 25, but Douglass smothered him and he was unable to touch down. Just on half time the try of the match was scored when Honywill came up into the threequarter line to take a pass from Coombes and make a 50-yard run for a touch down between the posts, which try King easily converted to give Services a 10-3 lead.

Volunteers Lucky

Volunteers were fortunate to reduce their arrears early in the second half. Day broke away and when confronted by Honywill sent out a high pass to Carruthers which was intercepted by Macdonald, who was immediately grappled by Carruthers for the ball to go loose. Volunteers took it at their feet and the opposition were handicapped by the nearness of play to their posts, and it was only as a result of the ball being deflected off the post that Carruthers secured a try which Macrae converted.

Richards then had a chance to use his speed, but Day just managed to catch him. Volunteers' line was in grave danger, however, when Taylor fly-kicked and missed the loose ball, and only the slippery ball—it was beginning to drizzle fairly heavily—frustrated Douglass's efforts to score. Douglass punted ahead shortly after, caught the ball again

KEEBLE CATCHES THE EYE

By "Scrum-Half"

Combined Services' "A" proved much too strong for a combined Club and Police "A" fifteen in yesterday's Rugby match at Sookunpoo and won by two goals and three tries (19 pts.) to nil after leading by 6-0 at the interval.

Wilson, the Navy "A" centre-threequarter, was the weak link in an otherwise sound Services back division in which Keeble showed the promise and kicked confidently.

At forward Watson, Hewitt and Mew impressed most.

The Club-Police team were a very ragged lot, and the only players to impress at all were Nelson, one of the very few who tackled, and Cullinan. Jackson held up the backs time and again by attempting to cut through the centre. On the few occasions he did cut through the line, he was tackled by a very safe tackle, had anticipated his cut-through and was there waiting for him.

Picton's Three Tries

Hook was responsible for the first score, cutting through nicely before transferring to Keeble, who sent Wilson over far out. Berry failed to land the goal points. Watson then had two attempts to land a penalty goal—a Club player moved during the first effort—and went very close with his second kick. Picton then gave Services a greater lead when he broke through in the corner after Mew had taken a pass off his toe and transferred to Picton in perfect style. Marsh failed to convert and Services despite two attempts at penalty goals by Redman, led 6-0 at the interval.

Soon after the resumption Picton went over far out and Berry just failed to convert with a magnificent kick. A good passing movement saw Picton score again, this time close in for Keeble to convert. Keeble then opened up play and sent Marsh over for a try which Keeble converted to complete the scoring in a scrappy game.

SERVICES "A"—Hamblin; Picton; Keeble; Wilson and Marsh; Hook and Rutledge; Hewitt; Watson; Taylor; Berry; Mew; Dobson and Dancer.

CLUB & POLICE "A"—Redman; Reynolds; Dudgeant; Nelson; Laval; Jackson and Clemo; Cullinan; Burford; Oakley; Hackett; D. Hyne and Stout.

Chandler and Dedford, with Mohan as reserve.

8TH HVY. SEVEN

The 8th Heavy "A" team is likely to be Richards; Marsh; and Skjwith; Hooks; Macdonald; Turner and Cook, with Taylor, Griffin or Dawson as reserve.

ATHLETIC CHALLENGE

Chinese Amateur Athletics Federation have accepted an Army challenge to an athletic meeting which will be held on Sunday, May 4. Proceeds will go to British and Chinese War charities.

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CHINESE FOOTBALL PARTY TO TOUR AUSTRALIA END OF SEASON

PRESENT TRIUMPH OVER PAST IN THE ANNUAL D.G.S. GAME

THOUGH LITTLE good play was produced, the friendly hockey game played on the Diocesan Girls' School ground yesterday on a heavy ground between Past and Present pupils was an enjoyable one and resulted in the Present girls winning by the odd goal in three after sharing two goals at the interval.

"Y" JUNIORS BORROW TWO MEN AND LOSE

In a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday Y.M.C.A. Juniors, aided by two of the opposition, were beaten by a team from H.K.S.R.A. by 3 goals to 1, after being led by two clear goals at the end of the first half.

Y.M.C.A. started off with some good movements and were on the offensive for the first 15 minutes, but the soldiers then settled down and drew first blood through Khuda Bux, who scored from a well-placed centre from Chai Singh, right-half. Shortly after the same player placed them further ahead as the result of a solo effort.

On the resumption Y.M.C.A. again applied pressure and launched several attacks, but they were all repulsed before the forwards could test the goalkeeper.

Towards the middle of the second period the Indians netted a further goal through Gurdas Singh, from a pass from Muzaffar Khan. Five minutes from the end, however, Banks, right-wing, after receiving a good short pass from Dorman, scored for Y.M.C.A.

Y.M.C.A. had a walk-over, J. Turner and Mohd Sharaf (H.K.S.R.A.); Smith, J. and Khuda Bux (H.K.S.R.A.); Banks, Fanny, Dorman, Olsen and W. Turner.

H.K.S.R.A.:—Muzaffar Singh; Mastan Singh and Mohd. Khan; Chai Singh, Muzaffar Khan and Mohd. Sharaf; Lachar Singh, Gurdas Singh, Khuda Bux, Mr. Ahmed and Muzaffar Khan.

LADIES' HOCKEY MEETING

Delayed for some considerable time owing to the disruption caused by evacuation, the Annual Meeting of Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association, normally held in October, will take place at Gloucester Building on February 20.

In addition to the formal business it is expected that the question of whether or not a competition of some description for this season will be practicable. It is known that general opinion favours organised hockey, and it is expected that a competition of some sort, possibly on a knock-out basis, will entertain the few months' remaining of the current season.

G. Frost beat B. Thomson in the first round of the Non-Prize Women's Lawn Bowls Tournament competition at Kowloon Football Club.

Cricket League Review

By "Adrem"

ALTHOUGH TWO SATURDAYS SO FAR HAVE BEEN MORE OR LESS WASHED OUT BY RAIN AS FAR AS CRICKET IS CONCERNED, SATISFACTORY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN BOTH DIVISIONS OF THE CRICKET LEAGUE, AND BOTH HAVE NOW REACHED THE HALF-WAY STAGE.

Senior Division has seen some startling upsets in form and University, from going through last season without ever looking like winning a match, are now lying third, whereas Indian Recreation Club, who have not failed to finish outside the first three for as many years as I can remember, now languish at the bottom of the table, having been beaten by both University and Kowloon Cricket Club.

Recreo have had the misfortune to start badly. After knocking up a quick 170 end against University and declaring early, they were held to a draw, and excellent bowling by Perry and McLellan tied them down against Civil Service, and they were unable to score the 150 runs set them in 105 minutes.

The champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, won their first match, against Craigengower. Cricket Club, fairly easily, but they also failed to secure three points against University, who, when they set their minds to it, are one of the League's most difficult sides to beat tonight. Another fine innings by Donald Anderson pulled K.C.C. through against I.R.C. after the latter had made an extremely sporting declaration.

Half-Backs Tire

The Past had a good intermediate line in the Misses Hall, Greaves and Ross. They did extremely well against the school girls in the first half but were not so prominent in the second period.

Miss M. Churn and Miss P. Lang were the best of the Past forward line and provided the real danger to the opposing defence.

The Misses E. Churn, V. Churn and J. Wang were a good forward trio, though they were often caught offside. Miss D. Elzenor, on the right-wing, sent over some fine centres and played a good game throughout. On the opposite wing, Miss V. Jex made some good runs down the wing, her wing half, Mrs. Kutevall, often sending her away with good passes.

Miss P. Lang, for Past, and Miss E. Churn, for Present, scored in the first half, and in the second period Miss E. Churn scored for the schoolgirls.

PAST—Mrs. Joyce; Miss J. Broadbridge and Miss D. Chow; Miss J. Hall, Miss M. da Rosa and Miss D. Greaves; Miss E. Low, Miss P. Lang, Miss M. Churn, Miss H. May and Miss B. Fitzgerald.

PRESENT—Miss G. Hutchinson, Miss R. Maxwell, Miss B. Wong, Miss M. Reis, Miss E. M. Gibbons, Miss D. Elzenor, Miss J. Wong, Miss E. Churn, Miss V. Churn and Miss V. Jex.

TO-DAY'S MATCH POSTPONED

The Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament match between Nomads and Y.M.T.D.s, which was to have been played this afternoon, has been postponed.

Game Cancelled

Owing to the unfit state of the ground yesterday the practice game between the probable Inter-Port hockey team and Indian Army was not played.

Strong Position

K.C.C. look to be in a strong position, but they have yet to play Recco, who are still in the hunt, as are Craigengower, although the latter's chances are pretty remote.

Second Division honours appear to lie between Kowloon Cricket Club and Craigengower. The former team, with formidable player strength, threw away valuable points when they delayed their declaration against University until they had scored 217 for no wicket, and were then unable to dismiss their opponents in time. The loss of those two points may cost them the title, as Craigengower are leaving nothing to chance and have scored three wins in as many games, although they were given a severe shock-up by Civil Service.

Recco were going along very nicely until they came up against K.C.C. and lost badly, but they too must not be disregarded for the championships. If they beat Craigengower, as they are capable of doing, the position will be very open.

None of the other teams stand a chance, the champions of last season, Police Recreation Club, now languishing at the bottom of the table with three defeats in three matches.

W. Greaves is in the second round of Kowloon Football Club's Lawn Bowls Championship as the result of a walk-over from P. Morgan.

Between 20 And 24 Players To Be Invited

Lee Wai-Tong's Chance To Renew Acquaintances

RUMOURS HAVE BEEN CURRENT IN LOCAL FOOTBALL CIRCLES FOR SOME TIME REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A CHINESE SOCCER TEAM TOURING AUSTRALIA IN THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR. DEFINITE INFORMATION HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES, AND IT WAS LEARNED YESTERDAY THAT A TEAM WILL LEAVE HONG KONG AT THE END OF THE SEASON.

The team will travel under the auspices of South China Athletic Association, who have conducted the negotiations, but will play as "South China." Leading Chinese organisations will be invited to cooperate and, if present plans materialise, the cream of the players from such clubs as South China A.A., Eastern, Sing Tao and Kwong Wah will make the trip.

It is learned that Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, General Hon. Secretary of S.C.A.A., has been invited to accompany the team as manager, but it is not yet certain that his many duties will enable him to do so.

China's soccer idol, Lee Wai-tong, will, of course be one of the first players to be invited, and he accepts he will be renewing acquaintances made on the South China tour of Australia in 1933.

It is certain that he will be as great an attraction to the Australian crowds as he was to the English and Continental when the Chinese Olympic soccer team competed at the last World Olympics, in Berlin in 1936.

Between 20 and 24 players will travel, and it is likely that Manila and Singapore will be visited en route and matches played there.

If all goes as planned the team will return to Hong Kong in time for the next football season. South China Athletic Association last toured Australia at the invitation of the Australian Football Association in 1923.

That team laboured under great difficulties, but the tour was in every sense epoch-making, as apart from Japan and the Philippine Islands, where delegations

of Chinese athletes appeared as representatives of their country in the Far Eastern Games, this was the first time in which a team of Chinese sportsmen had ever toured a foreign country, and it served as a fore-runner to other tours conducted by the Association in later years.

The team was away for nearly five months and played 24 matches in five States. From the football point of view, the team met with only fair success, winning only seven of the matches, drawing eight and losing the remaining nine. They scored a total of 63 goals and conceded 54.

From the sporting standpoint, however, it was a great success, the members leaving a very favourable impression with the Australians for their sportsmanship on and off the field.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, will entertain the bowlers at Government House on Wednesday next at 3 p.m.

Baxter's Batting Average Of 119

By "Adrem"

The outstanding feature of League cricket thus far this season has been the amazing consistency shown with the bat by Kenneth Baxter, of Kowloon Cricket Club second eleven. In four innings this young opening batsman has scored no fewer than 238 runs, including 103 not out against University in a record first-wicket stand with T. A. Madar, who also topped the century during this partnership.

Baxter's scores have been: 47 not out against I.R.C., 103 not out against University, 21 against Recco, 67 against Police.

giving him the colossal average of 119.

Senior figures generally reveal the absence of bowling in the Colony and the fine state of the weather, which has been a most unfortunate factor in the year's abnormal rainfall.

D. J. N. Anderson has the best figures, although not the best average. He scored 41 against Craigengower, 50 against University, and 74 not out against I.R.C. Lloyd has been the most successful bowler, having taken 15 wickets at an average of 8.66.

Baxter and Madar lead Second Division batsmen, while P. M. N. da Silva and A. M. Omar are the leading bowlers, although G. E. Taylor, of K.C.C., returns the best average.

Leading averages for both divisions are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Batting

(Qualification, two innings, average of 10 or over)

	N.	R.	H.	Avg.
E. L. Gosano	2	0	88	81
D. J. N. Anderson	3	1	165	74
A. M. Omar	2	1	78	48
A. J. Hulze	2	1	58	58
L. T. Rile	3	3	98	64
T. V. N. Forbues	2	1	46	38
A. R. H. Emmell	2	1	32	20
A. R. Kitchell	2	0	57	40
E. F. Fincher	2	0	48	47
G. E. Richardson	2	0	46	31
N. C. Sen Gupta	2	1	23	15
A. H. Rumjahn	2	0	45	38
G. Souza	2	0	39	38
J. M. Gosano	2	1	30	23
N. A. E. Mackay	3	1	35	23
F. J. Lay	2	0	35	34
K. M. Rumjahn	2	0	33	17
H. Singh	2	1	18	15
K. V. Tam	1	0	48	22
J. C. Fenton	3	0	44	24
W. H. Gollidge	2	0	29	29
A. E. Perry	2	0	28	28
R. T. Broadbridge	2	1	12	11
O. Hong Chey	3	0	30	16
J. L. Yeungyay	2	1	11	11

Bowling

(Qualification, two matches, average of 20 or under)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
A. K. Iemall	8	1	31	7	4.43
N. D. Lloyd	38	4	183	18	8.88
G. N. Gosano	3	1	18	2	9.00
E. L. Gosano	21	3	64	6	10.66
A. J. Hulze	10	1	41	3	13.66
F. R. Zimmerman	22	8	88	17	20.47
A. R. Wai	27	1	135	9	15.00
W. J. Qagg	28	1	152	8	18.50
A. E. Perry	24	1	100	5	20.00

BADMINTON TITLES MAY CHANGE HANDS

By "Adrem"

HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED IN THE COURSE OF THE WEEK THAT ENTRIES FOR THE ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WOULD CLOSE ON SATURDAY.

Humour has it that P. K. Hui, now back in practice, is not the best player in the University, K. W. Choy, a recent arrival, has shown brilliant form, and it is said that he beats Hui at singles with the greatest of ease. If that is correct some of the titles are likely to change hands.

Henry Eardley, former Shanghai champion, is still here but has played little and that little in Junior Division for St. John's. He revealed last season that the clever Chinese players from Malaya had a far wider range of strokes than he, and, with little opportunity of adapting the lessons learned in the last tournament, he is not likely to offer a serious threat in the coming contest.

Good Tussles

K. L. Yung, who did very well last year, is now in Shanghai, and E. F. Chiu and C. Au are still here and if all the leading players enter there should be some good matches staged between Patrick Wong, Choy, Hui, Chiu, Au and Eardley.

The Junior Championship should also be interesting. With Gillies, the holder of the title, playing in the senior event, Norman Smith, runner-up last year, will start favourite. Smith is playing as well as ever, and his powerful game is likely to prove too much for any other junior player.

P. Wynter-Blyth is another player who should go far, while Chung Wah have some excellent singles players, all of them in splendid physical condition for riding, who should offer a stern challenge if they find the time to enter.

Promising Player

Another promising singles player who I should like to see in the tournament is D. N. Xavier, of Victoria Recreation Club, who is very fast and has a wide repertoire of strokes. It is to be hoped that sufficient support will be given to the ladies' events.

SECOND DIVISION

Batting

(Qualification, two innings, average of 10 or over)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
K. M. Baxter	4	2	238	103	119.00
T. A. Madar	4	1	133	103	45.33
G. Stang	4	0	78	72	39.00
U. H. Emmell	3	2	38	23	35.00
M. R. Abbas	3	0	101	89	33.67
K. L. Yung	4	1	87	63	29.00
R. W. Lam	4	0	79	59	28.33
E. A. Lee	3	0	70	59	29.00
J. Darrow	2	0	47	38	23.50
U. H. Omar	2	0	48	25	23.00
A. E. Carey	4	0	58	29	22.87
N. Broadbridge	2	1	22	22	22.00
O. Ainelle	3	0	66	60	22.00
M. A. Remedios	4	0	67	44	21.75
R. W. Lam	4	0	62	42	20.57
D. Chelliah	3	0	62	30	20.67
W. L. Rapley	3	0	59	23	19.67
A. Hung	3	0	57	23	19.00
A. E. Carey	4	0	58	28	18.33
A. D. Harrison	2	0	35	25	18.00
H. T. Barma	2	0	34	19	17.00
Amplavansar	3	1	31	15	15.50
E. Mazza	3	0	46	20	15.33
P. M. N. da Silva	4	0	58	32	14.50
A. H. Iemall	2	0	26	21	13.00
A. J. M. Pala	4	0	47	23	12.75
H. Tyler	3	0	34	21	11.33
H. A. Barros	4	1	34	32	11.33
A. A. Gurreem	2	0	22	11	11.00
A. J. Soares	3	0	33	31	11.00

Bowling

(Qualification, two matches, average of 20 or under)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
G. E. Taylor	7	2	16	4	4.00
J. C. Fenton	11	2	42	10	4.20
P. M. N. da Silva	31	8	80	17	4.70
A. A. Remedios	15	2	52	6	8.66
H. Darrow	33	2	108	16	6.75
R. Darrow	14	0	61	9	6.78
K. M. Baxter	8	1	35	5	7.00
G. Stang	15	1	50	6	8.33
U. H. Emmell	15	1	50	6	8.33
N. L. Smith	22	4	77	8	9.63
M. R. Abbas	24	3	122	11	11.09
A. J. M. Pala	15	2	49	6	11.50
H. Darrow	33	2	108	16	6.75
A. J. Azzuli	30	7	108	13	8.32
O. Ainelle	11	0	67	4	16.75
E. A. Carey	25	2	64	8	14.25
E. A. Carey	21	1	68	8	14.25
E. A. Carey	21	1	68	8	14.25
E. Mazza	18	1	110	9	12.22

CASH SWEEP PRIZE NOW \$256,000

At noon yesterday approximately 640,000 tickets had been sold in Hong Kong Jockey Club's mammoth \$1.00 cash sweep on the Hooley-Hill Derby, to be run at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18.

The first prize will therefore be in the neighbourhood of \$256,000.

Last year the sale of tickets on the Hong Kong Derby was stopped at 700,000, which was more than the Jockey Club anticipated and because extra tickets could not be stamped in time.

Last year's prize was worth \$297,920.00.

CIVIL SERVICE TENNIS RESULTS

"DIEHARDS" TAKE TO FENCING

Classes in fencing are being held three times a week in the Middlesex Regiment barracks and this sport, which was introduced by Lieut. R. W. H. Willoughby, has taken a great hold on the interest of the battalion.

As Royal Scots have also taken to fencing it is hoped that it will be possible to arrange inter-unit contests.

CHUNG HWA BADMINTON SUCCESS

At King's Park on Friday Chung Wah defeated Club de Recco by 6 games to 1 in their postponed match in "B" Division of the Badminton League.

Following were the scores:—P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah) beat E. A. R. Alves and C. C. Pereira 20-6

beat H. A. Barros and A. E. Noronha 20-6

beat A. E. Xavier and H. A. Noronha 21-11

beat F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah) 21-10

beat Alves and Pereira 21-10

beat Barros and Noronha 21-13

beat Xavier and Noronha 21-16

beat Alves and Pereira 21-16

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

SECTION "A"

Games P. L. W. F. A. Pts.

King's	4	0	4	28	8
Chung Wah	4	1	3	27	6
Recco	4	2	2	18	4
V.R.C.	4	3	1	10	2
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	29

SECTION "B"

Games P. L. W. F. A. Pts.

K.C.C.	5	0	5	31	14
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	20	25
St. Andrew's	5	3	2	24	21
Police	5	5	0	8	37

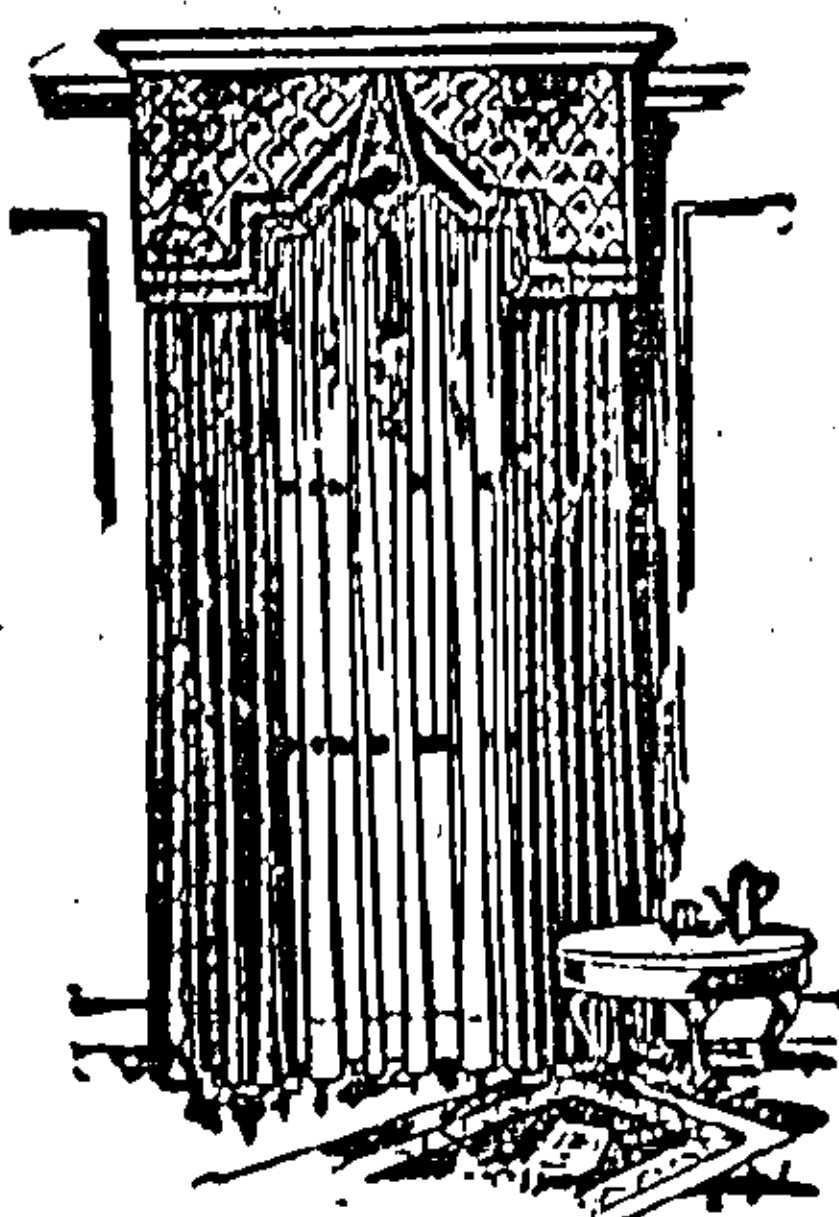
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AXIS DEMANDS OF VICHY REVEALED

Crisis Coming To A Head: Admiral Back From Paris

Nazis Professing Their Innocence

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

THE FULL SCOPE OF GERMAN AND ITALIAN DEMANDS ON FRANCE, INCLUDING GERMAN USE OF THE FRENCH FLEET AND NAVAL BASES AND THE CESSION TO ITALY OF VITAL AREAS IN FRANCE AND THE COLONIES, WAS DISCLOSED TO INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BERNE LAST NIGHT.

It is alleged that Pierre Laval has promised to turn the French fleet over to Germany the moment he obtains control of the Vichy Government or the German-sponsored rump regime in Paris.

It is learned also that Italy's demands include the cession of Corsica and the French coast as far west as Toulon and more vigorous French collaboration in the Axis drive against England and the British Empire. — International News Service.

It is revealed in Berlin that the German Government is trying to disclaim responsibility for the crisis in France, a spokesman of the Wilhelmstrasse stating yesterday that France was involved in a "purely internal issue" although Germany was naturally interested in the result.

A German spokesman in Paris denied that the German Government had made any demands upon Vichy either in respect of the French Fleet or of French bases in North Africa. He contended that M. Laval was not acting as the puppet of the German authorities, but was making demands upon Vichy "in his own right."

Otto Abetz

The German spokesman did not comment, however, upon the fact that Herr Otto Abetz took a prominent part in the discussions in Paris between Admiral Darlan and Pierre Laval, nor upon the fact that the Nazi-controlled newspapers and radio in Paris are no longer making any bones about the demand that Laval must be restored as the head of the Vichy Government.

It is also confirmed that M. Laval is pressing strongly for the removal of the French Government from Vichy to Paris where it would come more completely under German control.

Darlan Returns

Admiral Darlan left Paris yesterday for Vichy to report to Marshal Petain upon the results of the continued negotiations and it is predicted in Berlin that some statement on the situation may be expected within the next few hours. — International News Service.

Darlan As Premier?

It was learned in Paris last night that Marshal Petain has now received a full report from Admiral Darlan of his negotiations in Paris, according to the German News Agency.

The Agency adds that nothing of importance has so far been learned, but goes on to suggest the possibility of a new Cabinet under the leadership of Admiral Darlan.

This is the first time Admiral Darlan's name has been mentioned in this connection by German sources, but it is pointed out in London that he cannot be unaware of the hostility aroused in France by suggestions of the return of M. Laval as Premier. — British Wireless.

Berlin Reticent

The Wilhelmstrasse is fully informed regarding Admiral Darlan's position in the negotiations between M. Laval and the Vichy Government, but refuses to disclose the particulars, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

The Journal adds that Germany expects an immediate important decision by Marshal Petain.

M. Laval's demands are said to be definite and to include official residence of himself in Paris. — Reuter.

INDIA ENTHUSES OVER BENGHAZI

News of the fall of Benghazi commands the biggest headlines published in every section of the Press in India since the collapse of France, states a Reuter message from Bombay.

All papers praise General Wavell's strategy while stressing the swiftness of the blow dealt by the Imperial forces in the desert. — Reuter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Li Sing Ming and family wish to thank all friends and relatives for their expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement, floral tributes and attendance at the funeral.

CHUNGKING PREPARES FOR SPRING OFFENSIVE

WHILE THE OUTCOME of the Southern Honan fighting still remains to be seen, well-informed Chinese quarters in Chungking state that the Japanese drive to Honan appears to be nearing its conclusion without achieving any important results.

It is now revealed when the Japanese launched the drive from Singyang on January 21, outwardly the Japanese had four divisions but actually the Japanese strength in the drive totalled two and a half divisions.

The Japanese columns pushed during early stages of the drive northward along both sides of the Peiping-Hankow railway, apparently with Chungking as the objective, but after reaching Siping, the Japanese columns turned westward in the direction of Wuyang.

The Japanese main strength then pushed southwestwards towards Nanyang which fell into Japanese hands on Wednesday afternoon.

After vigorous Chinese counter-attacks, Chinese forces claimed to have recaptured Nanyang on Thursday night, after which Japanese forces retreated southwards in the direction of Tanghu.

Retreat Continuing

It seems that the Japanese forces are at present continuing the retreat towards Tungkong, in other words, falling back on their bases in the vicinity of Singyang.

The same quarters claim that the Japanese suffered heavy casualties during the fighting.

The Chinese military had advance information of the impending Japanese drive, at least a week before the push began, as the Chinese had heard of the heavy concentration of Japanese troops and of mechanized units in the vicinity of Singyang.

In Time

Therefore the Chinese High Command rushed strong forces into Southern Honan where they arrived in time to meet the Japanese attack.

It is further stated that Japanese forces in the drive clashed with two of China's strongest military units which dealt very severe punishment to the Japanese columns, resulting in Japanese abandoning the objective of their campaign and turning southwards, retreating back towards their bases.

Well-informed Chinese quarters here, however, predict an early outbreak of a big Sino-Japanese battle in the Spring.

Chungking Offensive

It is believed that the Japanese may make a desperate drive towards Chungking from Ichang along the south bank of the Yangtze, via Ensiath, near the Hanchi-Szechuan border.

It is estimated that the Japanese will require 15 divisions for the drive but that transportation will be the principal difficulty of the campaign. — Reuter.

WARM TRIBUTES TO CLARENCE GAUSS

GENERAL REACTION in Washington to the appointment of Mr. Clarence Gauss, United States Minister to Australia, as Ambassador to China, is that China gets one of the ablest career diplomats in the American Foreign Service.

The "Washington Post" discussing all new appointments says: "The China and Australia swap gives Mr. Nelson Johnson a respite from the rigorous life in Chungking."

Simultaneously, we shall not be represented in China by what on the China coast they call a "griffin" or an inexperienced envoy, for Mr. Gauss has served most of his Consular life in Cathay.

Mr. Johnson, it is widely recognized has long been in "the firing line" and deserves a rest from the hardships of China's much-bombarded wartime capital.

Mr. Gauss is held in high esteem for his years of "excellent service" in various parts of China, especially during the period when he was Consul-General in Shanghai immediately before his appointment to Australia.

To few members of the United States Foreign Service is it granted a rise from Consul-General to Ambassador within 12 months, but all his friends are confident that Mr. Gauss will give excellent account of himself.

Mr. Gauss is said to have had the honour of being personally and particularly commended by White House for his services in China.

It is recalled that he was eulogized in the magazine "Life" when he was appointed to Australia as the man "who had a genius for being right" and who "feared neither man, God nor devil." — Reuter.

TELEPINI EVACUATED BY ITALIANS

The key-town of Tepelini has been evacuated by the Italians, according to reports received yesterday by Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Albanian Frontier. — Reuter.

STARTLING DISCLOSURES

(Continued from Page 1)

"Meanwhile, however, (no doubt following receipt of information from Vichy that an S.O.S. had been picked up from M. Chappes' ill-fated plane) all copies of the communiqué bearing this story were suppressed by the censors in the Chigi Palace in Rome and all the morning papers appeared the next day with the Air Ministry communiqué, less the story of the shot down plane."

"But there was one loop-hole in the censors' net. The great Turin newspaper 'La Stampa' printed the entire communiqué as originally issued in the form of a special message from its Rome correspondent, who reproduced the whole story though noting that it was merely his own version of the Air Ministry communiqué."

"La Stampa" Version

"How this correspondent managed to escape the censors' net may never be known but the exact translation of a photostatic copy of his article in the 'La Stampa' reads:

"Our fighters patrolled for a long time south of Cape Teulada in order to protect piloting operations of our damaged destroyer Lancia and throughout the whole day carried out protective and interceptive sweeps around and off Sardinia, attacking an enemy plane of unspecified type which is believed to have been damaged."

The Lisbon correspondent of "France" then proceeds to give the Vichy end of the story which he claims to have placed together as a result of interviews with officials, politicians and journalists from Vichy and Paris who have visited Lisbon since the end of November.

Vichy's Information

He says "the only information reaching Vichy was the S.O.S. from M. Chappes' plane picked up by the Marseilles-Marganne Station and the discovery by the French destroyer 'Bison' of an 'Air France' lifebelt floating in mid-sea."

"The competent authorities in Vichy drafted a communiqué merely stating that an Air France plane had been shot down in the Mediterranean during an Anglo-Italian air fight."

"But this did not satisfy M. Laval who was then Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister. He gave the order that the words 'By British fighters' were to be added to the Vichy communiqué."

"The next day," adds the Lisbon correspondent of "France," "all organs of totalitarian propaganda everywhere launched a fierce attack on Britain." — Reuter.

TROOPS POUR IN FOR WAICHOW OPERATIONS

WITH SUPPORTING AIRCRAFT OVERHEAD, STEADY STREAMS OF REINFORCEMENTS AND WAR MATERIALS, INCLUDING HEAVY ARTILLERY AND ARMoured CARS, ARE PLOUGHING THEIR WAY FROM BIA S BAY AND SHUMCHUN TO THE WAR ZONE BETWEEN TAMSHUI AND WAICHOW, WHICH LAST NIGHT WAS STILL IN THE HANDS OF THE CHINESE.

Waichow, almost deserted now of civilians but swarming with Chinese troops, was bombed throughout yesterday and fires were started by incendiary bombs. Chinese troop concentrations were also bombed.

Foreign missionaries are still occupying the towns. In spite of the steady flow of Japanese reinforcements, the Japanese have so far made little progress in their advance to Waichow.

This seems to bear out certain Chinese opinion that the Japanese do not plan to occupy Waichow but will halt north of Tamshui, consolidate their positions in that area and remain there.

According to unconfirmed Chinese reports, the Japanese have increased their strength at Shenglung. The troops there, it is said, now number 10,000.

Guerillas Driven Out

Chinese guerilla units which captured Ping Wu and Lungkung on Thursday were forced to abandon both towns yesterday when Japanese cavalry, supported by several aircraft, attacked and re-

GREEKS GREET KING

Wild enthusiasm greeted King George of Greece when he recently visited his army on the battle front in Albania.

Soldiers ran beside the Royal car and over practically the whole length of the front a great shout was raised. "We will throw the Italians into the sea."

The King inspected a large section of troops even up to the front lines.

He talked with the commanding officers and men.

Throughout the Greek forces, the King's visit created an atmosphere of loyalty, joy and enthusiasm which was the subject of proud comment in Greek newspapers yesterday in Athens. — Reuter.

GREEK OPERATIONS

Last night's Greek communiqué stated: "There was artillery and patrol activity which caused the enemy heavy losses." — British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

It is revealed in a message from Nairobi that one South African fighter pilot shot down four Italian planes in the space of a few minutes when a dog-fight occurred between a South African Air Force flight and 22 Italian planes. The Italians lost nine planes altogether.

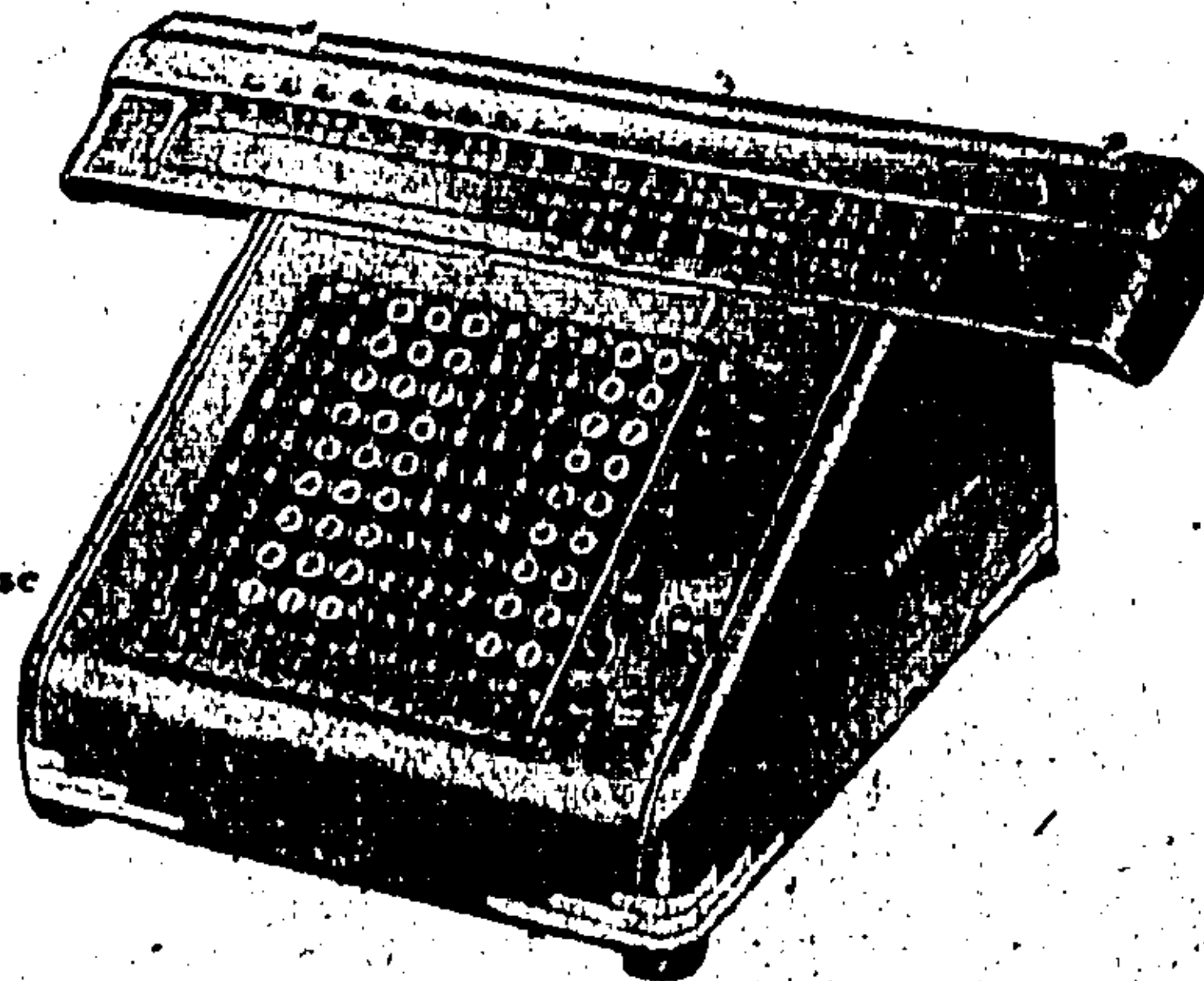
(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

The triumphant British lessons are rapidly consolidating positions in and around captured Benghazi in order to use it as a mighty base for air and naval attacks against Tripoli and Sicily.

A few hours after the British took Benghazi, military circles in Cairo forecast the immediate inauguration of large-scale British air and naval blows against Italian and German bases throughout the Mediterranean. — International News Service.

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The Bridal Group showing, from left to right front row, Engineer Captain F. B. Minihinnick, R.N., who gave away the bride, Mr. Wilfred Brown, the best man, Mr. John Charter and the former Miss Yvonne Crowley, Commodore A. C. Collinson, R.N., and Mrs. F. B. Minihinnick, Matron-of-Honour. Back row—Mr. C. Bramall Burgess, usher, Lt. Theobald, R.N., usher, Dean J. L. Wilson, who officiated, Lt.-Col. C. O. Shackleton and Miss Duckland, who represented Mr. Charter's family, who are overseas.



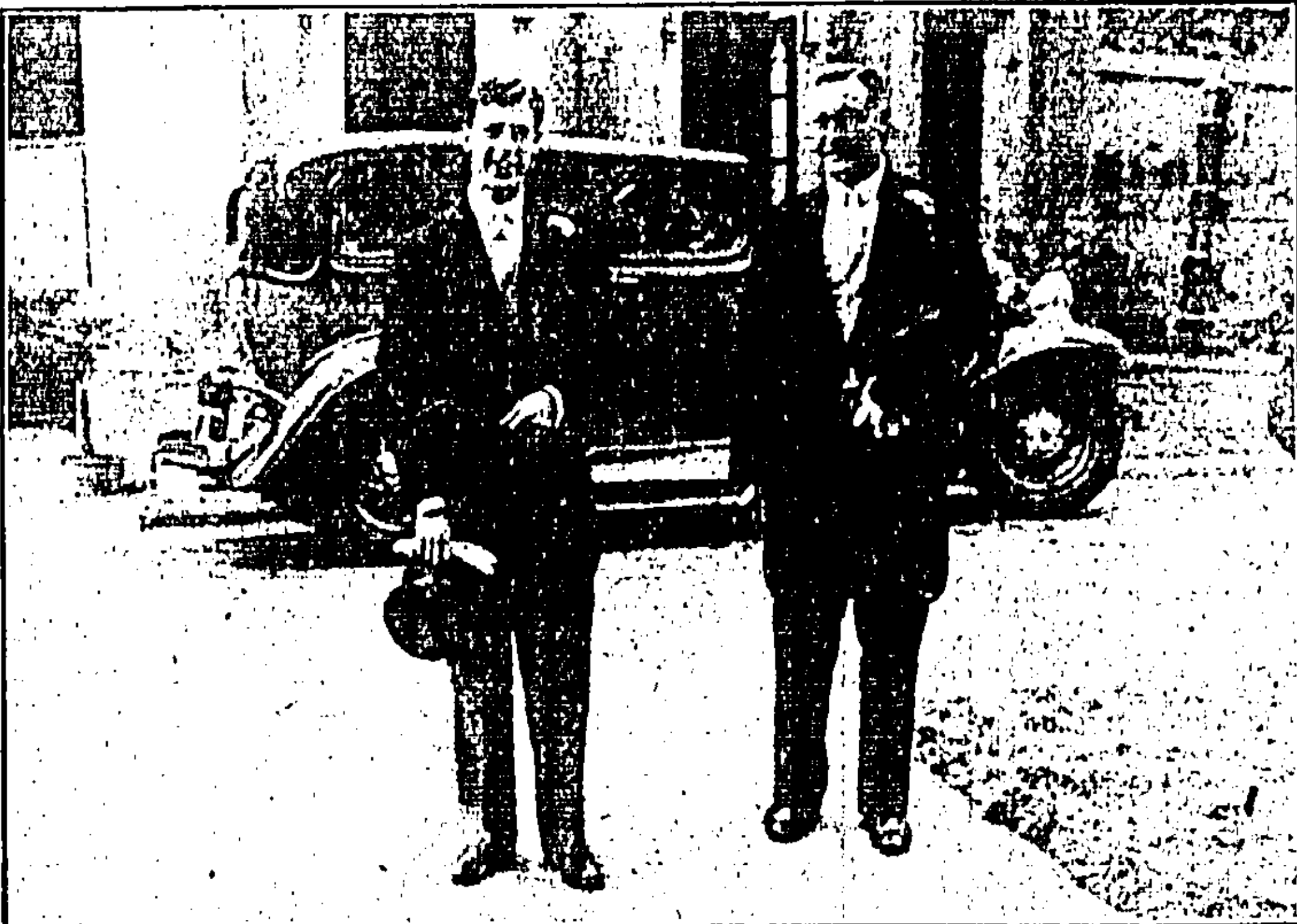
Engineer Capt. and Mrs. F. B. Minihinnick, who represented the bride's family, who are overseas, were host and hostess at the reception held at their residence, 7, Abernethy Court.



The bride in her gown of Liberty satin, the bodice of which was tightly shirred into a high neckline in contrast to the skirt, which fitted smoothly over the hips and flared gradually to the long train. A coronet of orange blossoms held in place her 'illusion' veil, and a shower of arm lilies composed her bouquet.



His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor, and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess snapped outside the Cathedral.



The arrival of the groom, Mr. John Charter, and the best man, Mr. Wilfred Brown, at the Cathedral.



Mrs. F. B. Minihinnick and her escort Lt.-Col. C. O. Shackleton arriving at the Cathedral. Mrs. Minihinnick chose a gown of nigger brown French crepe, with accessories to match. The ensemble was offset by fox fur.



Commodore A. C. Collinson and his secretary, Paymaster-Commander E. S. Burton, leaving the Cathedral following the wedding ceremony.

Society Wedding

A charming wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral last Tuesday, when Miss Yvonne Crowley, daughter of Paymaster-Commander and Mrs. C. E. S. Crowley, became the bride of Mr. John Charter, son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Charter and who is an architect of Public Works Department and vice-captain of Club's Rugby team.



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For fifteen or twenty minutes she soaks in the tub with eyes closed and covered with a refreshing eye pad. Then a hearsey, sudsy wash rag, a quick rinse and she is ready to anoint her body with a cologne after-bath lotion or scented body oil. If her skin is dry, a few whisks of powder with a large, pretty puff completes the ritual. She is then ready to recline and rest or, if she is in the mood, continue with her detailed grooming.

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Don't play follow-the-leader. Be yourself. You'll get more joy out of living if you develop your own tastes and your own sense of humour.

that he wrote the non-sensical little jingle:
"As I was walking up the stairs,
I met a man who wasn't there,
He wasn't there again today,
I wish, I wish he'd say away."

He wrote this shortly after he graduated from Harvard, and it is now a hit song, with the learned professor cutting in on the royalties.

Dr. Means, after intensive studies of children, adolescents, and then adults, discovered most people had forgotten how to think for themselves. They wanted all their ideas pre-digested. So he felt it his duty to work against

this "follow-the-leader" tendency, which he considers dangerous to happiness.
"I have been his mission in life to dig people out of ruts, free them from prejudices and lead them to hold honest opinions."
"We do more than wear the same style of hat," said Dr. Means. "We wear the same style of thinking. To go with the crowd is safe."
"But the unthinking crowd can at times become very cruel. It organizes into mass murder which we know as war. The only hope for the world is for people to be free, to be individuals. Individ-

uals, you know, are usually kind people, forgiving, compassionate."

It is amusing to hear Dr. Means tell how he snatches the abuses from his fettered human beings.

"One of my procedures with adults," he explained, "is to have them go around and see the works of artists. Artists are individuals; they manage to keep free. One day I suggested that a group meet at a certain gallery to look at the pictures."

"Where is it?" asked one man. I gave him the address of the gallery, told him just how to reach it. "Where will you be?" he asked, anxiously. "At the entrance," I told him. "What do you want with me?"

"Why, we want you to tell us about the pictures," said one of the women of the group. "I would like to have you explain them to us, help us. Help! This last remark from a woman of 40! So I said to her, 'You are getting to be a big girl now. You'll just have to go to the art gallery by yourself and form your own impressions of the pictures and of the artists. Until you stop holding the hand of a leader, you will never be an individualist.'"

Having to think for themselves is bad medicine to most people. Dr. Means learned early in his educational experiments. "Follow-the-leader" ways of reacting to persons, things, events mark most of us. We do not realize that our secret opinions are the truest thing about us.

Follow-the-leader folk can be picked out in a crowd. "They are the ones who repeat all the wisdom of the radio, screen and stage. Wiser cracks of columnist and cartoonist are disguised as individual thinking."

"All around me, at club meetings at social gatherings, I hear the speech of the stereotyped women, the polite women. 'I've had such a delightful time!' exclaims a woman, whose bored expression and obvious fatigue show the evening has exhausted her."

Delight is another treasure that human beings lose early in life, according to the probing Dr. Means. "We all have been trained to enjoy the world, not to enjoy the world. Only youth knows the secret. Youth lives dramatically in a region of continuous delight."

Old age values individualism. Why? "Because the fear of the world disappears with age," replied Dr. Means. "So the inner spirit comes into its own; few things matter now that formerly seemed so important. Older people discover at last that our opinions are put upon us by institutions."

But how to dig our way out of this problem? How to reach again the mountain-top of freedom, of individuality, of delight in life, as we did in childhood as we sometimes do in old age? This is how, says Dr. Means: "Analyse yourself. Listen to the 'Inner Voice.' Develop a sense of humour. Try to understand people and why they do things, good or evil, and forgive them."



Wear your collars slight awry is the fashion pointer conveyed in this stunning two-piece suit worn by Jane Wyman, Warner's star. Silver mesh for the quaint turban and collar—silver keys for decoration.

"LIKE SHOULD MARRY LIKE"

UNLESS like marries like, there can be no happiness," counseled Scarlett O'Hara's father in *Gone With the Wind*.

Professor Burgess of the University of Chicago, who for 15 years has been working on a matrimony meter based on the experiences of 526 couples, lends his scientific approval to this belief. The chances for a happy marriage are best, he points out, if a similarity of family background exists; if both have been reared in the country and have attended Sunday School; if there are other children in both families; if both at the time of marriage have regular jobs; and if neither is closely attached to any member of his immediate family.

On the other hand, he cites "the psychological characteristics" that militate against adjustment to marriage. Both for the husband and wife the following traits make for unhappiness, moodiness; a tendency to dominate; lack of self-confidence on the part of the husband; self-sufficiency as indicated by facing troubles alone and avoiding others' advice.

Robert F. Winch of the University of Chicago has also proved to his own scientific satisfaction that a couple should have similar temperaments, but with peculiar exceptions in certain traits. Tears for example. The most favourable condition is when the man sheds tears easily and the woman does not; next best, when both weep with difficulty; third best when both weep on slightest provocation; and worst, when the man is tearless and the woman weeps easily. Other bad mixtures are the man who makes friends readily and his wife, who does not; the day-dreaming man married to the practical woman. In time, of course, couples tend

to grow more alike in their tastes and habits, but much wear and tear on emotions would be spared if like married like in the first place. — ISABEL STONE in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

What Every Wife Should Know

A HUSBAND likes to throw newspapers and ashes on the floor.

He likes a lot of paint on other women, but doesn't care for much on her. . . . He prefers to be told that he is getting fat or bald. . . . He wants to drive the automobile himself. . . . He hates to pay bills. . . . He resents suggestions for personal improvement. . . . He regards his speculative and gambling losses as his private affairs.

He dislikes to be closely questioned about anything. . . . He'll spend fifteen dollars at a club and then crab because a six-day-old ham bone was thrown into the garbage before he got around to it. . . . He'll buy her an \$800 fur coat and later raise a scene if she loses \$1.20 at bridge.

He thinks he'd be rich if he'd stayed single. . . . He insists that he likes plain food, but always complains that he needs one of those special diets that are served him. . . . He doesn't care how much a refrigerator costs if it delivers ice cubes quickly and easily. . . . He's sure he's living way beyond his income. . . . When he gets a quiet evening at home he falls asleep in his chair. . . . He's a prospect for any hussy that sets out to make a fool of him. — Watch him. — Santa Fe Magazine, Chicago.

A BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN:—

Uninvited Guest

By Howard R. Garis

FRISKIE Dushytail was so happy and excited about the snow pudding she never thought to look to her mother or her brothers. Had she done so she would have seen them winking at one another, making strange motions with their tails and trying not to laugh.

For, though Friskie had been in some snow to make pudding, she really hadn't found out the



"You can make the pudding."

secret of Billie and Johnnie. That secret was to make a little roast chestnut party for Friskie after supper. The squirrel boys were going to invite several guests. But there was also to be an uninvited guest.

You shall hear about this uninvited guest anon. "Ha! Ha!" laughed Friskie. "You didn't think I could find out your secret, did you? Ha! Ha!" said Johnnie and Billie. "We didn't."

But while Friskie was busy making the snow pudding, her squirrel brothers were busy getting the chestnuts ready to roast. For you just can't take chestnuts and put them, as they are, on the fire to roast. If you did they would explode like firecrackers. To roast chestnuts, first there must be made a little cross-cut in the brown shell. Sometimes a few holes can be punched in the shell with a fork. But it is better to cut a cross.

the cold until it is ready to serve. Inside made her snow pudding. She set it out to keep cool. "Ha! Ha!" laughed Friskie again as she came in. "You didn't think I would find out your secret, did you?"

"No," said Johnnie and Billie. "We didn't." "And you didn't know I would beat you at making the snow pudding, did you?" "No," said Johnnie and Billie. "We didn't."

But while Friskie was busy making the snow pudding, her squirrel brothers were busy getting the chestnuts ready to roast. For you just can't take chestnuts and put them, as they are, on the fire to roast. If you did they would explode like firecrackers. To roast chestnuts, first there must be made a little cross-cut in the brown shell. Sometimes a few holes can be punched in the shell with a fork. But it is better to cut a cross.

STEAM

The reason for this is that when chestnuts start to roast they make steam inside their shells. In each chestnut is some water, though you cannot see it. And when water is heated it turns to steam. And, as you know, when steam is made, unless it finds a way to escape, blow out or go to work moving an engine or tooling a whistle, why, that steam will just tear to pieces everything near it. So, as Johnnie and Billie didn't want the steam of the chestnuts to make explosions, the squirrel boys cut crosses in the shells. It was while they were doing this the uninvited guest came. He didn't enter the hollow tree squirrel house, but he sniffed around outside it. And he smelled the snow pudding.

"Ah, ha!" sniffered the uninvited guest. "Snow pudding! The Bushytails must be having a party. They didn't invite me, but here I am. Ha! Ha! I am the uninvited guest! They will be surprised!"

And it the baked potato will sprinkle some red pepper on it to look like a balloon going to a fire here I am. Ha! Ha! I'll tell you next about the hungry visitor. (Released by the Bell Syndicate)

Dry Or Sensitive Skin Requires Specific Winter Treatment



A lubricating eye-stick keeps eyelids from chapping.

If you are of the eighty per cent of American women who have dry or sensitive skin, you have a delicate complexion problem during the nippy weather and perhaps several suggested treatments have not sufficed to keep your skin as smooth and translucent as you desire.

Chapped, rough dry skin is no fun. It isn't comfortable and it certainly robs you of complexion charm. But how to correct the condition satisfactorily has many a cosmetician experimenting!

Occasional daubs of lotions and creams give only temporary relief as you know, for it requires a regular, daily routine to keep the skin from flaking or scaling and subdued in tone.

A clean skin best resists irritations, so therefore it is essential to wash it with a bland soap lather at least three times a week. Dirt and other surface impurities must never be allowed to remain and join forces with the irritations of the elements!

After much research about this type of skin, I find that a cleansing with cream before the soap and water washing is the better method. Scrub it at night before going to bed and, if it is very sensitive, rub on a bit of pure mineral oil. Ordinary dry skins react favourably to a rich lubricating night cream which should be rinsed off in the morning with cold water (not hot)—especially if you are going out early in brisk weather. Or you may use the mildest of skin tonics instead of the water if you prefer.

Before you apply make-up you must definitely use a foundation lotion or cream. I cannot give you specific help in selecting any particular brand as some dry skins favour a lotion while other textures require a cream consistency. Inquire about the several good preparations of both consistencies which are mixed for dry skin protection, and ask the most intelligent looking salesgirl to help you with your selection. Some druggists are able assistants also, as they know pretty much what a cream contains.

FACIAL EXERCISES

When your skin has just been washed and dried thoroughly it is good to massage it with your palms. No cream nor lotion—simply rub clean palms against clean face with movements going upward from the chin. This exercises lazy pores and they give more freely of natural lubricating oils. Frequently this daily treatment substitutes for a make-up foundation, for I have seen dry skins which look "sticky" when a foundation is applied.

Those of you who believe in a one-cream treatment should select a rich cold cream. Use it for cleansing, then wash your face, apply the cream again and wipe as much of it off as possible. What remains may serve as a make-up base. The same rich cream may be used as a nightly skin lubrication.

Facial exercises are most efficacious if you will do them regularly, sitting before a mirror. Faces at your side while cream is on your skin after you have massaged it well to tone up the tiny muscles.

A new leaflet of facial exercises to help eradicate unnecessary wrinkles and firm sagging contours is now available.

Worry And Grow Fat

In old-fashioned novels the maiden who suffered from unrequited love always lost appetite, grew thin and wan. According to a new medical view, unhappiness may cause excess weight or obesity. What this amounts to, according to Dr. Eton M. McKay of the Scripps Metabolic Clinic at La Jolla, California, is that the placid-looking fat woman who nibbles one chocolate cream after another all day long probably is, whether she knows it or not, satisfying some thwarted emotion or relieving some conflict between desire and sense of duty by eating. "The same may be true of the fat man who raids the larder for sandwiches and chocolate cake an hour or two after a hearty dinner." — *New York World Telegram*.

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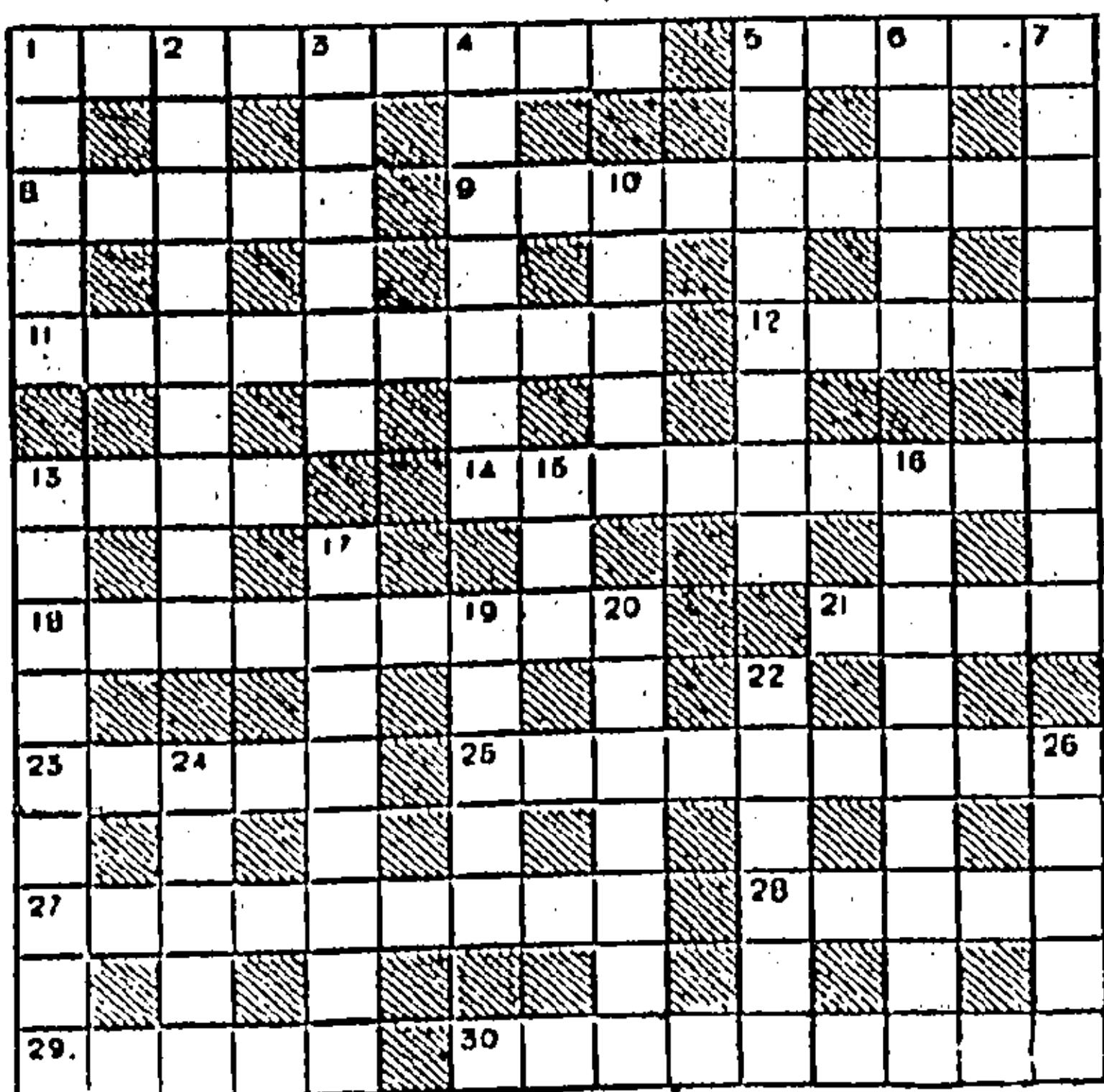
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SUNDAY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Fragmentary make-up of quilt (9).
- 5 Wanderer by land or sea (5).
- 8 Slow method of voice production (5).
- 9 Exempt from payment to clergy (5-4).
- 11 When people drop you a line it may be found here (4-3).
- 12 Falls before this on the road (5).
- 13 Outer garment (4).
- 14 Tavern ode (anag.) (9).
- 15 Burns' print about low ground is widespread (9).
- 21 "I never not in any" (5). The captive void of noble rage" (Tennyson) (4).
- 23 This far is a bird (5).
- 25 Steadfastly fixed (9).
- 27 His classes may be quite a draw (two words) (3, 6).
- 28 This wish is for youth (5).
- 29 Models perhaps in print (5).
- 30 Limit not heavy for no strong illumination (two words) (4, 5).

DOWN

- 1 Known to cyclist and orientalist (5).
- 2 Easily managed (9).
- 3 Man in possession (6).
- 4 Tenth of a sequence of twelve (7).
- 5 "There needs no ghost, my lord, come from" (Hamlet) (two words) (3, 5).

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

Order of dress (5).
 Feigned (9).
 Poisonous body (5).
 Heartily sorry for misdeeds (9).
 Even shorter (3).
 "There the wicked cease from" (said Job) (9).
 If they live at all it is on a planet (8).
 Drive from hearth and home (5).
 Bath Miriam and David played it (7).
 Frank confession (6).
 Rig-out (3-2).
 A notable incident (5).

CROSSWORD
 1. R. A. S. 2. A. S. 3. A. S. 4. A. S. 5. A. S. 6. A. S. 7. A. S. 8. A. S. 9. A. S. 10. A. S. 11. A. S. 12. A. S. 13. A. S. 14. A. S. 15. A. S. 16. A. S. 17. A. S. 18. A. S. 19. A. S. 20. A. S. 21. A. S. 22. A. S. 23. A. S. 24. A. S. 25. A. S. 26. A. S. 27. A. S. 28. A. S. 29. A. S. 30. A. S.

What Is Happening In Ireland?

WHEN war started, De Valera proclaimed the neutrality of the Free State in clearest terms. But changes have been swift and at this very moment, much against his wishes, Eire is face to face with reality. Expecting any moment to be attacked—even invaded—she is doing her level best to prepare herself for successful resistance. Yet, because of the division of Ireland into two politically separate entities, and because of historic antagonisms, her will to resistance has been rendered impotent.

It would be a mighty task even for a united Ireland to withstand the German attack. For Eire, troubled by factionalism, it is doubly difficult.

First, there is the I.R.A., which in the event of a German invasion would rise up against the Eire Government and fight on the side of Adolf Hitler. One I.R.A. man when spoken to was very frank about it. "Our main purpose," he said, "is to destroy the British Empire. That happens also to be the purpose of the German Reich. If they can help us to do it, well and good—we'll be only too glad."

Then there are the "Blue Shirts" whom General O'Duffy led to Spain to fight on the side of Generalissimo Franco and his Fascist followers. Their sympathies lie with the Nazis, and while they are few in number, they are adepts in the science of propaganda and are capable of doing a great deal to undermine the morale of a bewildered, anxious population.

There is a third group of men, the so-called Fifth Columnists, or traitors, as they would have been called a generation ago. Some of them are foreigners. Many are Germans. Some are Irish Americans. Some are native sons. All are willing tools of the enemy.

De Valera and his Government are doing their best to put all enemies of the state behind bars. Goods already are so filled that it has been necessary to re-open some that long ago had been put out of use.

There are traitors in Ireland, but there are patriots, too. De Valera and his predecessor, William T. Cosgrave, present a united front of the opposition, have demonstrated that love of country outweighs partisan considerations. For twenty years these two men had not spoken, shaken hands or acknowledged each other in public.

On domestic issues they're still divided, but in the face of common

danger they stand united. Late in Cosgrave's term in the civil war, the same platform before 50,000 cheering Irishmen, and made a joint appeal to the youth of Eire to join the colours for the defence of their homes and their religion. Recently bishop Brown of Galway

The geographical situation is also painfully clear. The island would be invaluable to the Germans in case they wished to establish a base all round England and to paralyse or attempt to paralyse the western ports. There are many open, relatively flat fields in southern and southeastern Ireland, suitable for landing fields. In addition, there is scarcely a place on the island where gliders could not land easily. The Irish seem to be under the delusion that the Germans can land only at airports, of which there are only two in Ireland. The fact that gliders can land practically anywhere has not yet penetrated.

Another unreal factor in the situation is Irish confidence in Irish courage. Nobody doubts the Irish are a very brave people. But in contemporary warfare courage is by no means a decisive factor. Reflecting upon events during the past two years, it is pathetic that the Irish should place such faith in their own courage when it is practically speaking, weaponless.

The political dangers of "neutrality" are also very considerable. Activity in the German legation in Dublin is great. Its protests to the Eire Government arrive almost daily. Practically anything is accounted a violation of "neutrality" and an excuse for German protest.

It is difficult to estimate the activity of the German agents and their sympathisers in Ireland, but it is undoubtedly considerable. Rumours concerning Counties Kerry and Cork are more persistent than any others, and some people in Dublin believe that the activity of German spies there is approaching the maximum.

If and when the Germans come to Eire, from the sea or from the sky, they will encounter stiff resistance from the army, but even the most zealous of De Valera's followers know that this partly-trained defending force, inadequately equipped with modern weapons, can serve only to delay the invasion.

Outside help will be needed. And it can come only from Great Britain, but it would be a mistake for the British to tempt Providence by trying to "get there first with the most men," as a famous American general phrased his formula for victory.

To those over-zealous people of Britain who urge stronger measures in bolstering Eire's defences, De Valera sounded a note of warning in a recent interview with an American journalist. He said that the first foreign power to violate his country's neutrality would be regarded as "the immediate enemy."

One of the main anxieties of the Irish leaders at present is to avoid any "excuse" for German invasion. They seem unaware that no excuse will be necessary if the invasion of Ireland seems strategically desirable to the German High Command. If it will invade Ireland, it will invade Ireland no matter what steps the Irish politicians take to make their neutrality beyond suspicion.

If the worst comes to the worst, it is believed by well-informed people that the Irish will resist any invader and will not help them which comes subsequently. It is doubtful, however, whether De Valera could openly appeal for British help even if the Germans came. He is more likely to acquiesce—meanwhile sending eloquent messages to the Pope and to Roosevelt protesting that he wished nothing but peace.

In the meantime, fortunately, large forces of British troops in Northern Ireland stand prepared

EVACUEES IN LAKE DISTRICT



Young evacuees from the South are enjoying their ramble in the Lake District. This picture, taken in Little Langdale, shows them stopping for some welcome refreshment at a farm. (Fox Photos, Copyright).

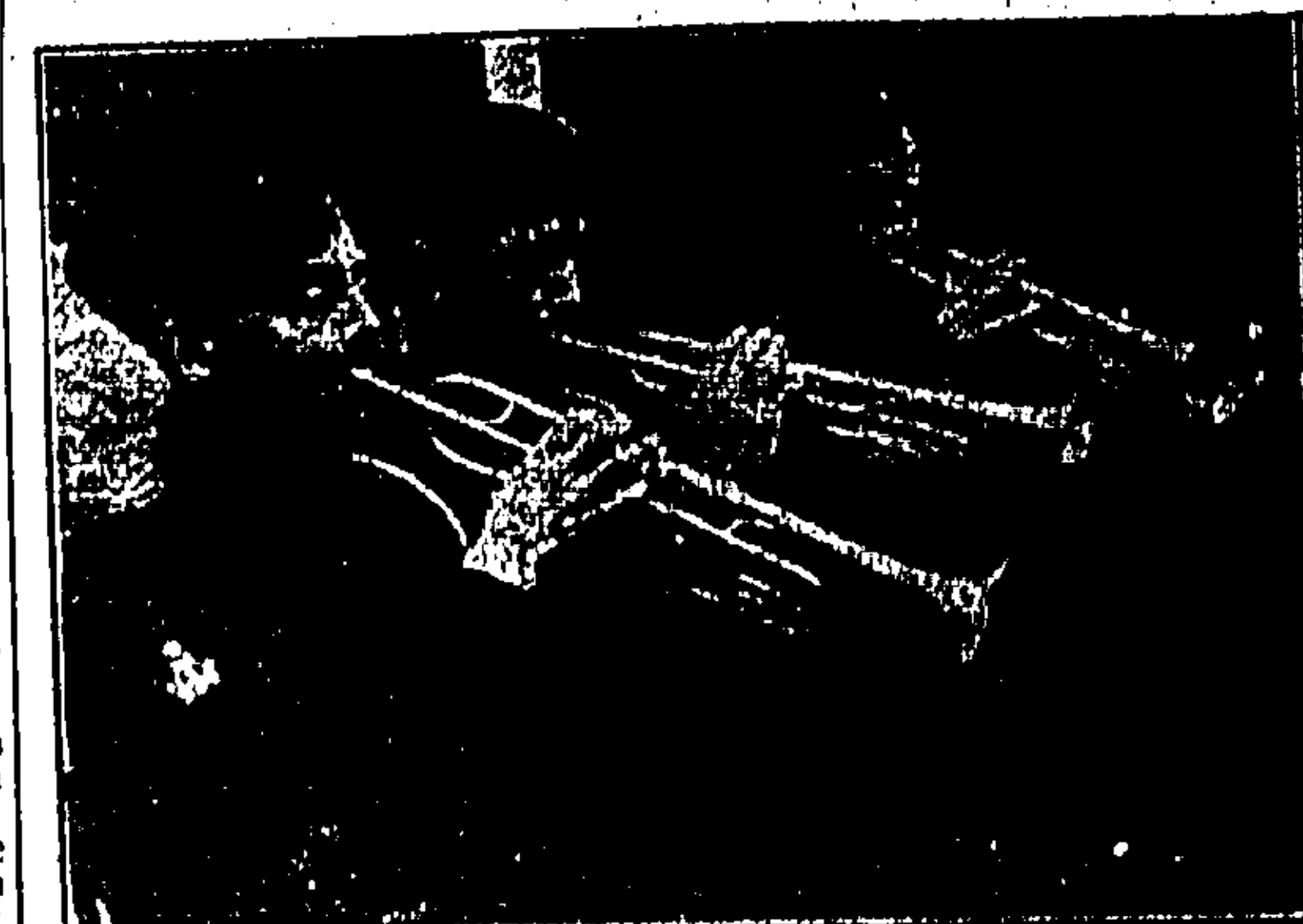
Nor are these two the only ones who publicly, at least, have decided to bury the hatchet during the present emergency. On the new defence council the two men who once led opposing armies. They are General Richard Mulcahy, Commander-in-Chief of the

warned the young men of Eire that they must be prepared to defend their "homes and altars" and even the dullest clod knew that his words were intended to apply not to Great Britain, but to the paganism of Nazi Germany.

Under the stimulus of all these forces, joined together for unity in the defence of the homeland, preparations have been made for dealing with parachutists, and the people of the country have been prepared for the rude shocks that came with a shift from neutrality to enforced belligerence. Neutral Eire's government buildings and its Parliament have suddenly adopted the fashions of Whitehall and the Admiralty of surrounding themselves with bristling barricades.

The Irish Free State army contains one good, well equipped division but is without mechanised force or heavy artillery. There are 12 aeroplanes, no tanks and no fortifications. The regular army of roughly 20,000 men has been augmented recently by recruits amounting to some 70,000, distributed among the National Army, the local Security Force and the Red Cross. All this is well known to the Germans, who maintain a large legation in Dublin and have friendly agents throughout the country with free code communication with Berlin.

PIONEERS HAVE OWN BAND



Men of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps, popularly known as the AMPs, now have their own band, and give concerts and dances for the troops. It is conducted by Lieut. Ben Oakley, the well-known band leader. Above is shown three members of the band undergoing a rehearsal. (Fox Photos, Copyright).

ELY CULBERTSON ON:—
CONTRACT BRIDGE

"DEAR Mr. Culbertson: My partner and I have had quite an argument about a hand we recently played at rubber bridge. I claim that the bidding was very 'fancy' and each of us insists that the other had too little confidence in his partner. We would like to have your opinion on the matter. Here is the hand:

North: S-6 4 2, H-K 10, D-A K Q J 10 3, C-9 3.
 West: S-K 10 7, H-5, D-7 6, C-6 4.
 East: S-7 9 8, H-9 6 5 2, D-8 5 4 2, C-A 8.

South: S-A Q 5 3, H-4, D-9, C-K Q J 10 7 5 2.

The bidding: South: 1 club, 2 hearts, 3 spades, 4 clubs, 5 clubs, 6 clubs. West: 1 heart, 2 hearts, 3 hearts, 4 hearts, 5 hearts, 6 hearts. North: 1 heart, 2 hearts, 3 hearts, 4 hearts, 5 hearts, 6 hearts. East: 1 heart, 2 hearts, 3 hearts, 4 hearts, 5 hearts, 6 hearts.

"Our argument is about the bidding. I insist that North should have bid his diamonds like a normal human being instead of mon-

keying around with a no-trump bid for which he had only a flimsy heart stopper and no spade stopper at all. But even if North's no-trump bidding can be condoned, I think that he should have left my five club bid undisturbed. After all, he never had supported my clubs, and I had jumped to 5NT, which is a very high bid. He had no reason to suppose that the hand would play better at five diamonds than five clubs, nor could he reasonably assume that I would really be the strength of a diamond suit and pass at five diamonds.

"North, on the other hand, maintains stoutly that his no-trump bidding was fully justified and that I should have trusted him when he bid five diamonds. He claims that he knew my clubs needed no support and that his bid of five diamonds in such a situation showed a diamond suit which was certain to be at least as good as my clubs and probably better. His contention is that I should have passed five diamonds instead of going on to six clubs. 'Who is right?'

"R. B. New Jersey."

I am afraid that North is right all the way through. During the early rounds of bidding North cannot be blamed for thinking that three no-trump will be easier to make than five diamonds. His bids of two and three no-trump which 'fancy' are by no means unsound. After your jump to five clubs North is justified in going to five diamonds if he can rely on you to trust his judgment and bidding skill. For if you have confidence in North you must realize that he knows how strong your club suit is. If he goes to five diamonds in spite of that knowledge, he must be credited with enough sense to know what he is doing. The bid of five diamonds hardly can be taken as a cue bid or an invitation to a slam, in view of North's decidedly unsound bidding up to that point. I must admit that the bidding can be read only by a good player, but from the tone of your letter I assume that you are precisely that. [Incidentally, however, you should have rebid your seven card suit before mentioning a four card spade suit.]

As a matter of fact, the result fully justifies North's bid of five diamonds. Against a normal heart opening lead from East, North will have no difficulty in winning 11 tricks. But South's five club contract is unmakeable against normal, sound defence. If West opens the ace of hearts and switches to a diamond South cannot take more than one discard at once, and if he does not run the diamonds then he will never be able to return to dummy later on. South will therefore lose a spade and a club, in addition to the heart ace.

JEST--A--MINUTE

THE BRIGHT SCHOLAR
 "Give me a sentence, Tom, with the word 'rotterdam' in it." My sister, let me guess, at I hope I'll rotter dam tecu!"

DUSTY
 The Swashbuckler (in melodrama)—Another stoup of wine, velvet, dust here.
 Flustered Stupe (promoted to small part)—Dust where?
 The Swashbuckler (rising to occasion and clutching throat)—Dust here!

COLOURFUL
 An order issued by a certain army command in Britain is an example of how official pronouncements can brighten the dullest day.
 It refers to certain coloured leave passes, and runs as follows: "Members of the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service will show their pink forms whenever called upon to do so."

TIL SCOTLAND FALLS
 This is a copy of what was found on a Scottish engineer's desk last week:

There'll always be an England. As long as Scotland stands, As long as there's a Scottish head.

A brace of Scottish hands.

There'll always be an England While Clyde breeds Engineers, Wherever there's a kilted shank To soothe the English fears.

There'll always be an England And England shall be free, As long as Scottish rain and brown Will guide her destiny.

THE BITTER END
 "Can you make up a sentence with the phrase 'bitter end' in it, Mary?"
 Little Mary looked dubious. "Would this do, teacher? 'Our dog chased our cat, and he bitter end'?"

SH-H-H NOT A WORD!
 The man was suffering from a bronchial attack, and as a result of it he was unable to speak above a whisper. The illness was slight, but painful, and he decided to call at the residence of the doctor who had just moved to town.

The patient appeared one evening at the doctor's front door, rang the bell, and after a short wait stood facing the doctor's young and pretty wife.

"Is the doctor home?" he asked, in his bronchial whisper.

"No," the young wife whispered in reply. "Come right on in."

ENTERPRISE
 In the south part of Arkansas, where the natives take life easy, a man and his wife were one day sitting on the porch when a funeral procession passed the house.

The man was comfortably seated in a chair which was tilted back on its hind legs against the side of the house, and he was engaged in whittling a piece of wood.

As the procession proceeded, he said: "I reckon ole man Simpson's havin' about the biggest funeral that's ever been held around here, Carrolline."

"A pretty good-sized one, is it, Bud?" queried the wife, making no effort to move.

"You betcher!" Bud answered. "I certainly would like to see it," said the woman. "It's a shame I ain't facin' that way."

ANOTHER HOWLER
 And then there was the lad who submitted the following when asked to make up a sentence including the words "depot" and "delight."

"Last one on depot must put out delight."

NOT GUILTY
 Up in New England a country school board was visiting a school, and the teacher was putting her pupils through their paces.

"Who, signed Magna Charta, Robert?" she asked, turning to the first urchin who had been called to the front.

"Please, ma'am, it wasn't me," whimpered the youngster, edging back toward his seat.

The teacher was about to call on another pupil, but an old tobacco-chewing Yankee on the board was not satisfied. After a well-directed aim at the wastepaper basket, he said:

"Call that boy back, I don't like his looks. I believe he did do it."

READY TO OBLIGE
 Deacon Jones was deaf, but he was as energetic as they make them. His particular function in the Lar City Presbyterian church was selling the new hymnal to the members at seventy-five cents a copy.

One day, after the preacher had finished his sermon, he arose and said: "All you who have children to baptize, please present them next Sabbath."

Deaf Deacon Jones, anxious to be of assistance, and supposing the announcement concerned the hymnals, rose and cried out: "All you who have children to baptize, please present them next Sabbath."

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"No! We're going straight home," they assured their would-be escort. But he trotted by their side, repeating persistently from his apparently limited repertoire, "Me accompanys you?"

"Are you French?" one of the girls asked. "No!" he assured. Nor, in reply to their other queries, was he Dutch, Belgian, Norwegian, Polish, or Czechoslovakian. Under the persistent barrage of questions his defences finally broke down.

"The truth is," he admitted in the broadest Scots accent. "All come from the broadest Scots accent. But the lassies'll no look at ye these days unless ye speak wi' a foreign accent."

TOO LATE
 "I hear you have a little sister?"
 "Yes," answered the small boy.
 "Do you like her?"
 "I wish it was a boy, 'cause then I could play marbles, baseball and other games with her."

"Then why don't you exchange her for a brother?"
 "Can't," was the answer. "It's too late now. We've used her for four days."

MERRY-GO-ROUND
 A deputy sheriff was sent to take an inventory of the property in a house. When he did not return for three hours, the sheriff went after him, and found him asleep on a lounge in the living room of the house in question. He had made a brave effort with his inventory, however: he had written down, "Living room, 1 table, 1 sideboard, 1 full bottle whiskey. Then the 'full' had been crossed out, and 'half full' substituted. Then this was overlined, and 'empty' put in its place. At the bottom of the page, in wobbly writing, was written: "1 revolving carpet."

IT'S HAPPENED BEFORE
 Farmer Cornstossle was seeing a movie for the first time. He sat through the feature without displaying much interest. And then the comedy flickered on. Across the screen dashed a boy of sheep, and the crowd began to disrobe. They had taken off shoes, stockings, blouses, skirts and were gazing on—when a freight train sped across the screen and obliterated the view. When it had passed the girls were frolicking in the water.

Farmer Cornstossle sat through the show again and again. At length an usher tapped him on the shoulder.

"Are you ever going home?" he asked.

"Oh, I reckon not yet fer a while," answered the old farmer. "One of these times that durned freight train's goin' to be late."

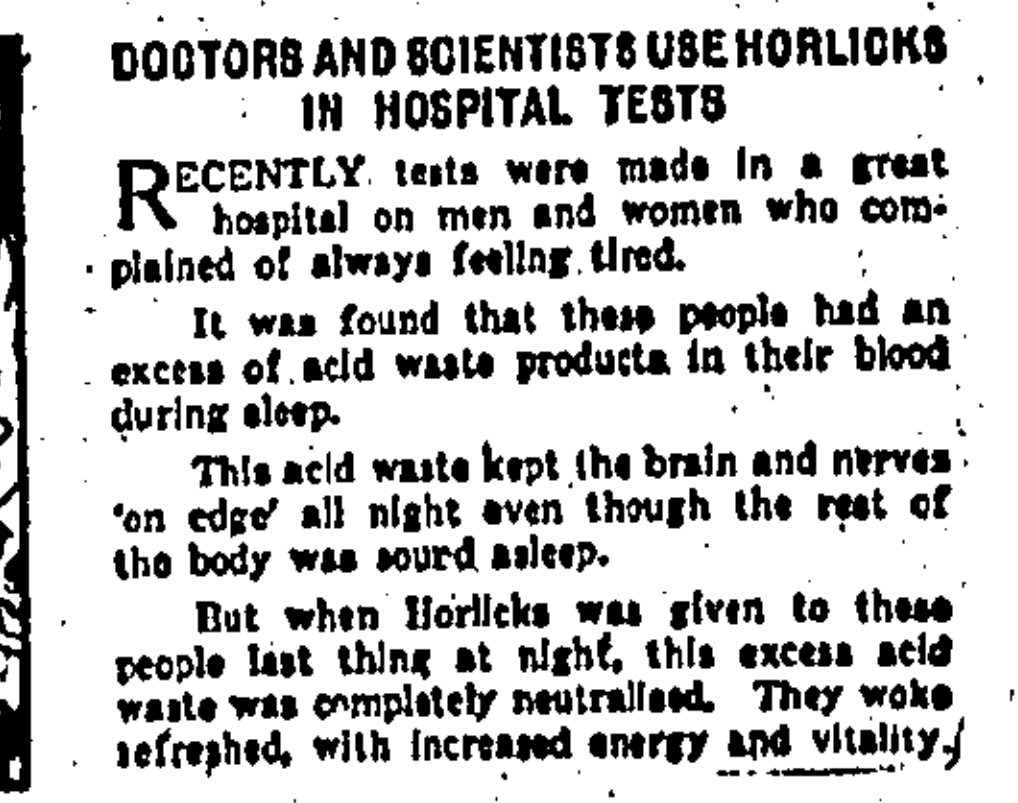
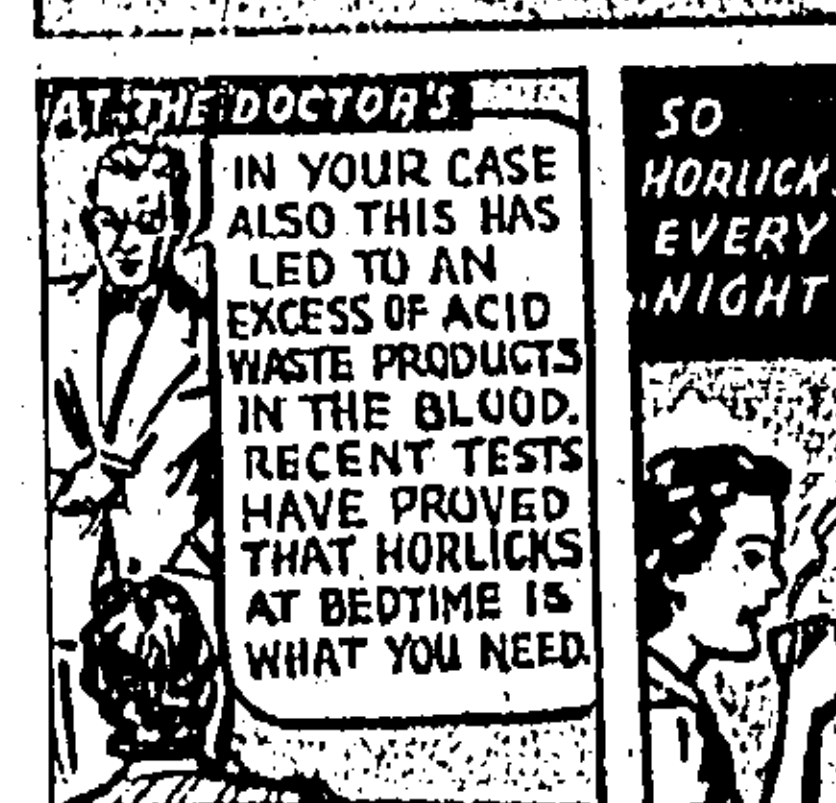
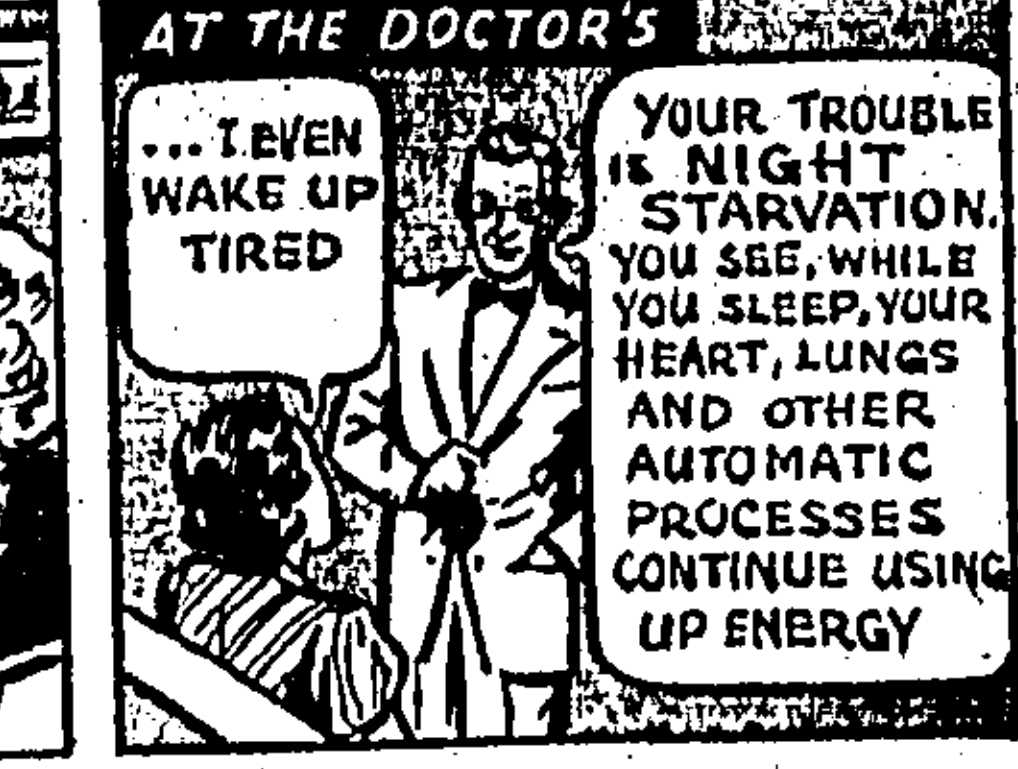
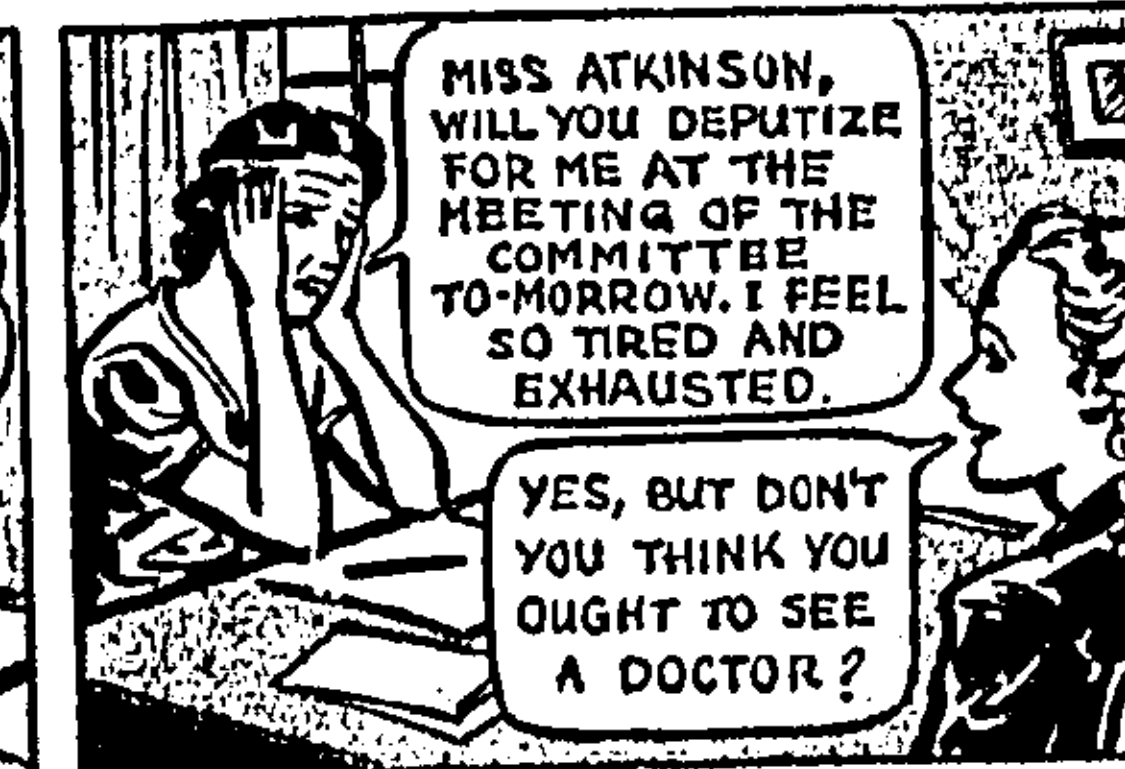
RESOURCEFUL SCOT
 It was night time, and Glasgow girls were returning from their spell of duty at the canteen. "Me accompanys you?" a hopeful soldier's voice inquired in the darkness.

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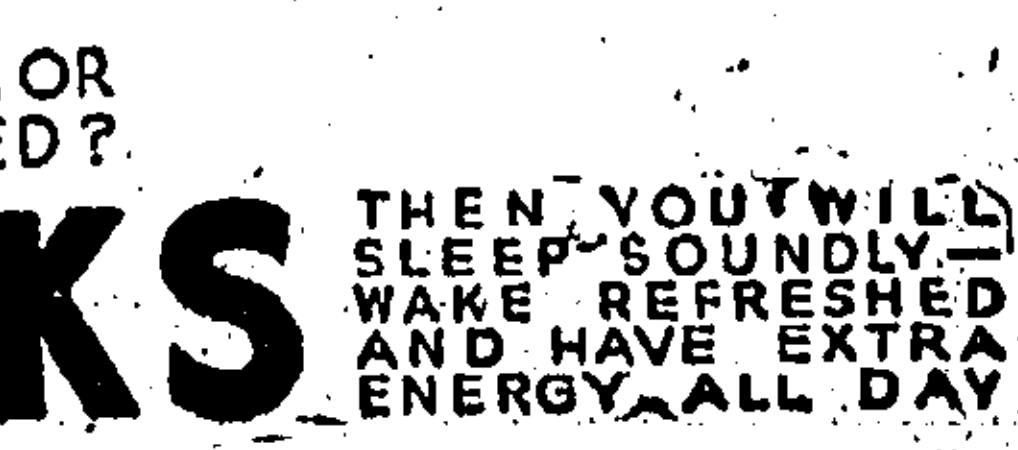
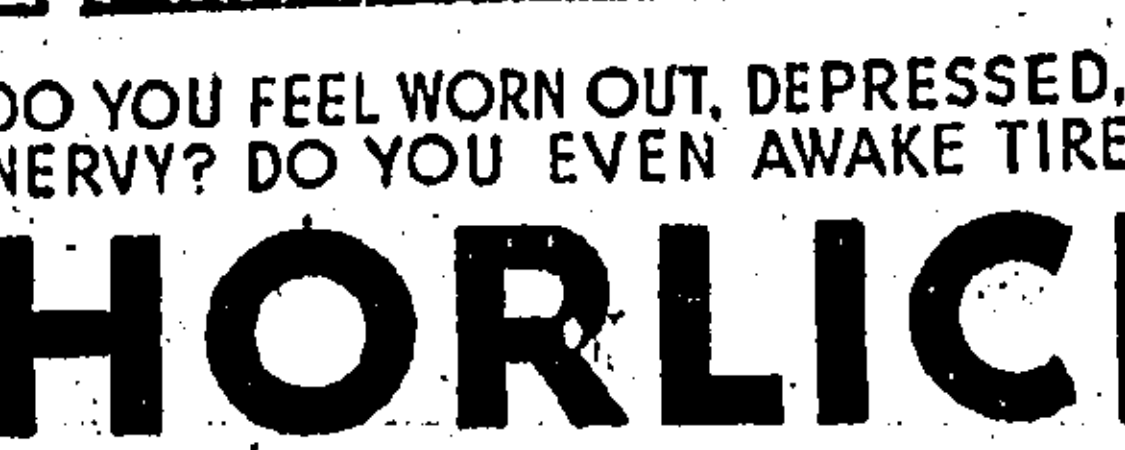
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Upper Levels Wardens Hold Athletic Meeting



Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele Perkins, Director of A.R.P., seen presenting a cup to Lam Tse-kwong, winner of the men's senior championships in the first athletic meeting of the Upper Levels Division, District "A", A.R.P. Wardens' Society held at Caroline Hill last Sunday.



Lam Tse-kwong seen hitting the tape to win the 400 metres event in the men's senior championships. He also won the 100 and 200 metres events.

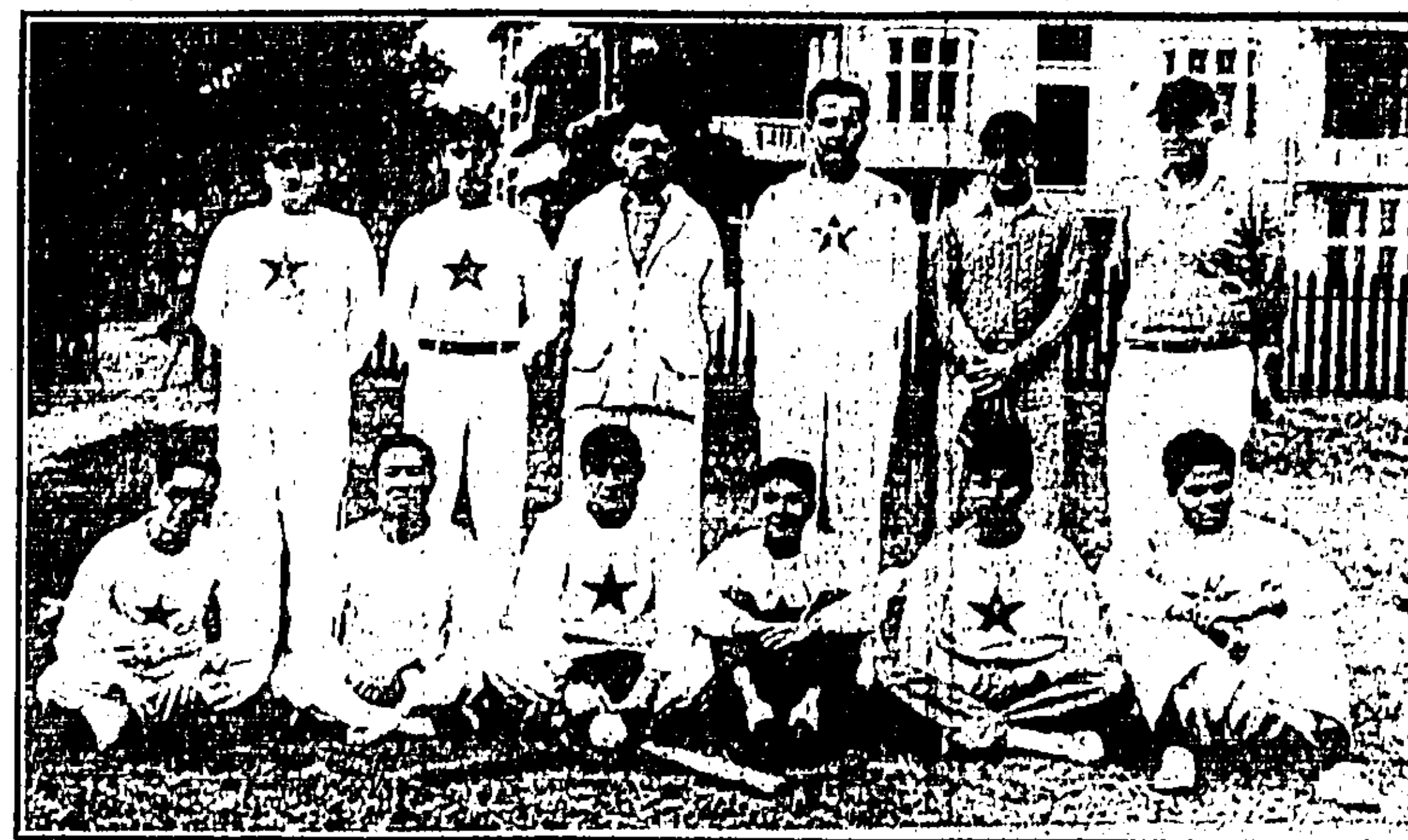


Most interesting event of the athletic meeting was the 50 metres Officers' Handicap which is shown here while in progress. Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele Perkins, Director of A.R.P. won the event, and is seen in the picture leading the field.

Softball And Soccer Glimpses



Shumshulpo District C. won the 400 metres Inter-District women's relay event in 75 3/5 sec. The winners are shown in the above photograph. At right above, Lo Tak-ling, Junior women's champion, is seen receiving her cup from Wing Comdr. Steele Perkins. She won the 50, 100, 200 and 400 metres events and the long jump in the women's junior championships.



Texaco softball team winners against Lucas by 17-16 in last Sunday's Inter-Hong League match.



An informal group photograph of Wildcats, who defeated Canadian Chinese 11-2 in last Sunday's League game. This caused Canadian Chinese to suffer their first setback of the softball season.



An incident in the Sing Tao goalmouth during the Senior Shield game against Middlesex last Saturday. Chui Ah-fai is seen about to head the ball with Pearson nearby. Bright is on the ground.

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Bright, Middlesex pivot, beating up Pak-wah to a high ball in the Senior Shield game last Saturday when Sing Tao won by the only goal scored. Kwok Ying-kee, who was the scorer, is seen next to Wilkinson. Fung King-cheong is in the background at left.



Chung Yung-sum of Eastern and Lawton of Royal Artillery in a tussle during the Senior Shield game at Sookunpoo last Sunday. Eastern won by three, clear goals after a goalless first half.